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China Textiles

By Up to 35%

Beijing Is Urged to Stop Transshipment of Goods

Through 3d Countries

By Paul F. Horvitz and Robert C. Siner

International Herald Tribun WASHINGTON - Weary of waiting for Beijing to make concessions an its textile exports, the United States announced Thursday

that it would cut by up to nne-third the number of Chinese texule and apparel products allowed

or Cranese texute and apparet products allowed into the United States this year.

At issue is Washington's insistence that China halt clothing transshipments, in which goods move to a third nation, receive new labels and

thus escape the U.S. import quota for Chinese-

The quotas have the effect of protecting the

U.S. texule industry from cheap imports.
The announcement by the U.S. trade repre-

sentative. Mickey Kantor, will have little or no

impact if substantive talks with the Chinese resume and the U.S. order is rescanded, analysis

U.S. nfficials said they were "hopeful" nf renewed talks. There was no immediate re-sponse from Chinese officials. A Chinese Em-

bassy spokesman asked for the U.S. statement.

The American action was seen as a clear signal that Washington intends, for now at least, to take a firm stand with Beijing on an

ecoonmic issue that reverberates in the U.S. Cnngress. Legislators, many from texule-pro-

ducing states, will have in vote this spring on whether to renew the broader most-favored-

whether to renew the broader most-ravorcus nation trading status for China.

"We have said all along that if we could not reach an agreement with China which addressed the problems we bave had with textile trade, then we would have to impose quotas at the levels outlined," Mr. Kantor said.

A 1003 U.S. import gives agreement expired

Dec. 31. Under the new order, quatas will be cut 25 percent to 35 percent an 88 categories of products, including sweaters, knit shirts, cotton trousers and cloths used to clean machinery.

The order goes iotn effect Jan. 17, but would be

Mr. Kantar estimated that the reduction would trim China's exports by up in \$1.2 bil-

Jeffrey J. Schott, a trade expert with the Institute for International Economics, said Chi-

U.S. action because it could parcel out its textile exports while conducting fresh negotia-

tions. If exports are speeded up, the quota will be filled quickly, but if they are slowed, it will

Nevertheless, he said, the U.S. announce

President Bill Clinton, he said, wants to show

Given the facts of Treasury Secretary Lloyd

Beotsen's visit to Beijing later this month and the recent meeting between Mr. Clinton and President Jiang Zemin of China, the textile

issue "will not, in and of itself, blow up into a

Texule negotiations between China and the

United States broke aff last month when China

turned down American demands for tougher

controls and penalties on transshipments.

There were four sessions over the past nine months, and U.S. officials said China rejected

major confrootation." Mr. Schott said.
"But it is a serious issue." he added.

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retroactive to Jan. 1.

made goods.

How Best to Aid Russia? U.S. and IMF Disagree

White House Says Financial Backing For Yeltsin Should Be More 'Energetic'

By Alan Friedman International Herald Fribane

PARIS—As President Bill Clinton prepares for his first NATO and Moscow summit meetings a behind-the-scenes fight has broken out among Western government officials and economists over the strategy for disbussing as much as \$13 billion of Western aid for Russia through the International Monetary Fund.

After a period of disarray on the issue within After a period of disarray on the issue within the Clinton administration; senior U.S. officials, as well as respected outsiders such as Gerald Corrigan, former president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; made clear in interviews that they were now pushing for speedier and to Russia, to bolster the position of President Boris N. Yeltsin and other Russian

Mr. Clinton's own view, which he has said he will express in Moscow, is that there needs to be more Russian reform as well as "more attempts. to build a safety net to deal with the conse-quences of reform." (Page 2)

Mr. Clinton, who will meet with Mr. Yeltsin at the Kremlin next Thursday and Friday, ar-nives in Brussels on Sunday on a trip that will-also include stops in Frague, Minsk and Gene-

Policymakers in Mr. Clinton's administra-tion, while avoiding direct criticism of the IMF, say they are eager to see more financial support for Mr. Yeltsin's government, partly to try to reduce the influence of Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the ultranationalist politician whose new parliamentary clout could threaten economic

reforms.

Sezior U.S. officials contend that they are not trying to bully the IMF into relaxing its criteria for providing loans to Russia. But one U.S. policymaker said that "there should be some immediate support." for Russia and suggested the organization should not be so "doctrinaire" in the way it judged conditions for providing fresh money to Moscow. As the largest single shareholder, Washington has more influence than other IMF members.

A White House side said Wednesday that the

A White House side said Wednesday that the IMF and the World Bank, its sister organization, "can be more effective in conveying assistance to Russia, perhaps in some fields be more

The normally apolitical IMF has been thrust to the center of the controversy because it was asked last year to supply nearly half of the \$28.4 billion Russian aid package promised by the See IMF, Page 13

President's Trip Is On Despite Mother's Death

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's trip to Europe starting this coming weekend is unlikely to be significantly affected by the death of his mother, the White House said Thursday.

"I don't think that will change much," said Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secre-"There's been no change in the sched-

Funeral arrangements for Virginia Kelley, who died in her sleep early Thursday morn-ing, were incomplete.

Mr. Cinton is scheduled to leave Washington late Saturday on an eight-day trip to Brussels, Prague, Moscow, as well as Minsk,

Her fondness for nightlife and betting on horses made Mrs. Kelley a colorful sidelight throughout her son's cureer. Obtuary, Page 3.

U.S. Reduces Imports of

MOURNING AS SHELLS FALL — Lejla Dragnic, whose twin sister and five other family members were killed by Serbian shelling of Sarajevo, being comforted Thursday at their gravesite amid a thunderous bombardment. In Washington, a U.S. official suching on Satayero, orang connected 1 missian at their gravester many in Satayero, orange connected U.S. policy. Page 2. said Warren Zinanermann, an ex-ambassador to Yugoslavia, was resigning from the foreign service to protest U.S. policy. Page 2.

Clinton's Domestic Theme Sells New European Role

WASHINGTON — The security of the United States remains directly indeed to freedom and democracy in Europe, and in particular to the stability of Fastern Europe, Vice. President Al Gore said Thursday.

In a speech aimed at both Americans and East Europeans still fearful of Russian intentions, Mr. Gore spoke for President Bill Clinton when he declared and repeated for emphasis. The security of the states that lie between Western Europe and Russia affects the security.

America.

But Mr. Gore provided no more concrete souring guarantees than are aiready contemplated in the the forthcoming Partnership for Peace in which East European and former Soviet republics will be offered a cooperative link to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

nt not membership.

Mr. Gore's speech, delivered in Milwankee, was to have been given by Mr. Clinton himself, but the president had to cancel after his moth-

er's death earlier in the day. The Partnership for Peace is designed to offer the former Communist states "the confidence that they can integrate into the West rather

man analyzatear what could happen to then east. Mr. Gore said.

It is far from clear whether that confidence

will be significantly enhanced by Mr. Chinton's trip to Europe next week, but Mr. Gore made it clear that the president would seek in a variety of ways to calm the fears of Russian revanchist or ways to cann the lears of Russian revanchism among the leaders of such nations as Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. "The success of these new democracies," Mr.

Gore declared, 'is important to our nation and our scruity. We must help them succeed. We didn't spend years supporting Solidarity just to lose democracy in Poland. We didn't celebrate the Velvet Resolution in Czechoslo-

vakia just to see that birth of freedom die from We prevailed in the Cold War for their sake

and ours. And now we must prevail for their sake and ours in building a broader democratic peace throughout Europe." In his first official trip to Europe, Mr. Clin-

ton will attend a NATO summit meeting in Brussels starting Monday and later travel to Moscow, Prague, Geneva and the Belarus capi-

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NATO Clears Way for Massive Changes With New Structure, a Role for Ex-Warsaw Pact Nations

Treaty Organization to approve it when they meet in Brussels next week.

The Clinton administration has supported

rope, Also, it will give European nations more flexibility and resources to police their nwn

By Steven Greenhouse

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON - NATO officials have the plan because it furthers its goal of shifting removed the final barriers to a U.S.-backed some of the alliance's defense burden to Euproposal that would change the military alli-ance's command structure in make it easier for NATO and former Warsaw Pact troops to combine forces to defuse crises inside and out-

The plan calls for establishing multinational task forces of NATO and non-NATO troops that would conduct joint military exercises and be ready to move quickly on peacekeeping or

In interviews Wednesday, NATO officials said France had abandoned its last objections to the plan, paving the way for President Bill Clinton and other leaders of the North Atlantic

backyard

Under the plan, European nations in NATO could use European troops and NATO re-sources, like radar and intelligence reports, in try to defuse conflicts in the reginn while U.S. troops remained out of the missino.

A U.S. official at NATO headquarters said the plan "provides a vehicle that enhances burden sharing by allowing the European members of the alliance in make use of existing NATO command structures and assets to conduct op-

erations in which the United States would not

members of Coogress who are concerned about renewing China's favored trading status that Beijing is willing to begin "a pattern of con-structive advances" in trade relacons. choose to be involved." The Clintoo administration supports the plan because it discourages the Europeans from setting up a separate multinational force out-side the NATO structure — an idea that made Washington uneasy because it would reduce

U.S. influence in Europe. The Bush administration opposed the plan. believing that it would reduce the U.S. role in

NATO officials said Wedoesday that the new structure would create "combined joint task forces" involving tronps from different branches of the armed services and from differ-

Far example, a joint task force might include See NATO, Page 2

the latest American iovitation to resume discus-Transshipment controls have been accepted by 16 other nations that trade with the United

States, Mr. Kantor's office said. "Clearly," Mr. Kantor said, "textile transshipment damages our workers and industry and violates China's international commit-

An aide to Mr. Kantor said that if an agreement could be reached with the Chinese, the quota cuts could be adjusted. She said that talks so far were in stalemate.

Since 1988, China's exports of textile and elothing in the United States have more than ibled, from \$2.2 billion that year to an esti-

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Top Research Center Accuses Bundesbank of Prolonging Recession

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By Brandon Mitchener International Result Tribune

FRANKFURT - As evidence grows that Germany is headed for a double-dip reces one of its leading research institutes accused the Bundesbank on Thursday of prolonging the economic misery and exporting it all across

Europe.
Cutting interest rates swiftly to feed growth: "the United States drew the right monetary policy consequences from its recession," the

Research said in a bleak New Year's forecast.

Research said in a bleak New Year's forecast. In Europe, by contrast, it added, monetary authorities have made the recession "significantly longer and deeper" than necessary.

Its target was the German central bank, which effectively sets monetary policy for Western Europe. The German economy is the

continent's largest.

But the Bundesbank, which left German interest rates unchanged Thursday in its first board meeting of the year, dismissed the criti-

Berlin-based German Institute for Economic cism and said it was proceeding cantiously in maintain markets trust in its inflation-fighting

Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, said late Thursday that the Bundesbank was more concerned with avoiding a rise in longmore concerned with avoiding a rise in long-term interest rates than in "forcing" a decline in short-term rates. "Given the situation as we see it, we don't want any change in our policies in the immediate future," he told foreign journal-ists in Frankfurt, citing the Bundesbank's decision to leave its key market rate unchanged for

Metals Firm Beset handling of the economy.

Metallgesellschaft AG, a majnr German company, revealed massive oew losses and said it would go bankrupt if its bank creditors did not bail it out. (Page 11)

the next two weeks. "We're driving straight The government also came under fire Thursday when its economics minister, Günter Rex-rodt, lashed out at Chancellor Helmut Kohl's

Mr. Rexrodt is a member of the Free Demo-cratic Party, which shares power with Mr. Knhl's Christian Democrats. He called his sonior partners "paralyzed, defensive and fear-ful" in the face of spiraling budget deficits and overregulation choking the economy. They are divided among themselves, bliod

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40 Die in Attack on Togo Army Base

LOME Togo (Renters) — At least 40 people died in fighting in Togo's capital, Lome, after more than 100 men attacked an army base where President Gnassingbe Eyadema has a residence, the country's defense

minister said Thursday.

The minister, Inoussa Bouraina, said 30 attackers, seven members of the security. forces and three civilians had been killed during and after Wednesday night's attack.
Several people were wounded and 35 attackers were taken prisoner:

North Kores hasn't budged on inspections of 2 nuclear sites, a U.S. aide said. Page 5.

General Eyadema was not at the base at the time of the attack, the government said. Officials placed a nighttime curiew on Lome on Wednesday might and closed the West African country's borders. Residents said sporadic shooting could be heard in the western half of the capital Thursday after-

Officials said the attackers had crossed into Lome from Ghana, about one kilometer

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WATTING FOR PEACE - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, visiting the Allenby Bridge crossing with Jordan on Thursday. As Israel and PLO said they would restart talks, he played down the problem of deadlines. On Friday, Israel will free 100 Palestinians. Page 4.

Study Doubts Value of Tests **For Cholesterol**

LONDON - A British-American research team says that measuring cholesterol levels io blood is oot a reliable method of predictiog heart disease.

A 12-year study showed that up to 75 percent of heart disease deaths in Britain would not be predicted successfully by cholesterol levels. People could receive false assurances through screening, the researchers added in an article in the British medical journal The Lancet.

"The results are disappointing," said Nieholas Wald of the University of London, one of

the authors of the study.

Dr. Wald said the problem with screening was that it was not sufficiently discriminating. "The reason is that there is too little variation between people in our population," he said. "Most adults have chnlesterol and blood pressure levels that are too high. It is better to concentrate resources on improving our diet and reducing smoking in the population as a

whole than to screen individuals. The study covered 21,500 men without known heart disease who attended a private

Clinton to Yeltsin: Intensify Reforms, Aid Will Ease Pain

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - After a long internal debate on America's Russia policy, President Bill Clinton plans to go to Moscow oaxt week urging continued tough economic reforms but with some new ideas about how Western aid can be used 10 retrain Russian workers and cushion those left unemployed by economic changes, according to of-

Administration officials said Wednesday that they were still thrashing out what sort of programs they might propose, as well as whether Washington should lead by example and eventually add more money to the Western aid

But at a meeting with newspaper columnists, Mr. Clinton left little doubt about where he stood on the question of whether the strong showing by ultranationalists in elections last month meant that the West should urge a slower pace of reform in Russia. He said he would tell President

Boris N. Yeltsin that Russia needs more reform - not less - but also more Western help to ease the political fallout.

"I am going to Russia to reaffirm the support of the United States, both for democracy and for reform," Mr. Clinton said.

The president also spoke in de-tail about the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and U.S. relations with Eastern Europe. Mr. Clinton devoted his opening

statement to an attempt to assure Eastern Europe of continued American support, despite Washington's opposition to immediate NATO membership for Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. He defended the American plan for only limited military partnerships between those countries and

NATO, saying there was no consensus in the alliance to do anything further right now, and hinted that Washington was acting at least in part in response to an appeal by Mr. Yeltsin not to isolate Russia. What I hope we can do is to

develop a policy toward Europe as a whole," Mr. Clinton said, "a pob-cy which supports political and economic and strategic integration, not one which draws different dividing lines in Europe."
The president said NATO was

reaching out in a limited way to the East European countries because "we doo't want them to feel threatened by an eastward pull anymore, bot neither do we want to prejudee the future intentions and policies of Russia and other countries in the newly independent states, and especially Ukraine."

He said he believed that Russia and the other former Soviet republics appreciated this cautious, stepby-step NATO approach, because they do not want to be condemned

forever to the status of enemies.

Mr. Clintoo said he would also use his talks with West European allies at the NATO summit meeting to try to press them to open up their markets more to Eastern Europe, East European nations to forge a united request for early NATO criticized by its three Visegrad where industries are withcring for lack of nearby customers.
"I think the United States ought

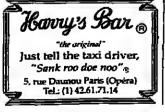
to set a good example so that we can make as forceful an argument as possible that the Europeans ought to trade more with them," he said.

Since militant nationalists and Communists made a surprisingly strong showing in last month's Russian elections. Clinton administration officials have been reconsidering America's approach to Russian aid — with some seeming to hint that maybe the West should ease up on its demands for Russian

In recent days, though, economie experts within the administration, particularly Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, have been arguing that what Russia needs now is to intensity its reform efforts.

But, they added, that reform must be better cushioned - to avoid the sort of political reaction itnessed in the recent elections by better helping pensioners and government workers who will be

The basic idea, officials said, is



By Thomas L. Friedman to ease some of the social fallout from the closing of inefficient state-run Russian industries by providing help for these groups of workers, rather than relying on more generalized subsidies and credits to the government that could miss the mark and only run up the deficit.

In a speech to economists in Bos-ton on Monday, Lawrence Sumsury for international affairs. alluded to this evolving strategy.

He said it would be "a grave mistake," to think that there was some sort of "third way" for deal-

ing with Russian aid — a way that would make for painless reforms. Mr. Summers said "there is no viable alternative to the hard work of economic stabilization." He

added, though, that while encouraging that hard work the United States and the West had to ensure that their bilateral and multilateral aid dealt "with the dislocations that are inevitably associated with re-But how will the administration

go about this? In part, Mr. Clinton will go to Moscow will go to Moscow carrying some new ideas, in part he will want to hear ideas from Mr. Yeltsin, and in part the president and Treasury officials plan an intensive round of discussions with other members of the Group of Seven major industrialized democracies on whether they should give new directives, and possibly new money, to the interna-tional financial institutions work-



An officer telling his wife good-bye in Ryazan, Russia. His battalion has peacekeeping duty in Serbia.

'Stay Home and Play Sax,' Zhirinovsky Chides

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the extremist who has threatened war with Germany and Japan and insulted a growing list of world leaders, heaped sarcasm on Bill Clinton on Thursday, saying the president was "afraid" of meeting with him in Moscow

"The American president, big deal," Inter-fax quoted him as saying, "Shame on this president, Let him stay at home and play his saxophone over there rather than come here and meet with God knows whom."

Mr. Clinton, who is scheduled to hold three days of talks in Moscow next week, has said he will not meet Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose views are considered racist and fascist by most of his opponents. In an effort to isolate him, Mr. Clinton is planning to meet with a wide range of opposition leaders in Moscow—including Communists and their rural kin, the Agrarians—but oot with anyone from Mr. Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democratic Party.

But in seeking to isolate Mr. Zhirinovsky there is a risk that Mr. Clinton may only

PRAGUE - Efforts by some years ago.

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membership faltered Thursday

when the Czechs indicated they

preferred to do their own negotiat-

"We do not like organizing of pressure groups," Foreign Minister Josef Zieleniec of the Czech Re-

Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and

the Czech Republic had been ex-

pected to act together in pressuring

the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-

zation for membership as an exten-

ing with the West.

generate more publicity for the man whose party collected 22.8 percent of the vote in the December elections. Mr. Zhirinovsky's party will have about one seventh of the 450 seats in

the lower house of the Russian legislature. The legislature is scheduled to begin meeting Monday, the day before Mr. Clinton's arrival. Mr. Clinton is not now planning an address to the body during his visit.

Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose party's success in Russia's legislative elections last month sur-prised many, said Mr. Clinton was "afraid of meeting" him.

"Tell the president that Russia has only one party, the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia," Mr. Zhirinovsky said. "There are no others. The rest is a lie." He added that by showing support for President Boris N. Yeltsin, "Clinton is wag-

ging his tail."

Mr. Zhirinovsky spoke when he collected his identification card as a member of the his identification card as a member of the legislature representing Shchelkovo, a central Russian town where he won his parliamenta-

He displayed his parliamentary card and

benefit

Czechs Opt to Act Alone on NATO Issue

proclaimed, "My next ID card will be that of the Russian president."

He also said he would become chairman of the legislature's Foreign Affairs Committee as well as Russia's next foreign minister. "If the president of Russia does not give his consent for this, he will be making a political mistake," he said.

In the same appearance, he threatened Ja-pan with war if Tokyo did not accept a peace treaty ending World War II. Since the conflict ended in 1945, the Japanese have never signed a peace pact with Russia because of objections to Russia's presence on the Kimil islands, which Tokyo regards as Japanese

"If you say no" to a treaty giving up the Kurils "it will mean that you want war," he told a Japanese journalist, "O.K., let's make war. Tomorrow the Russian Pacific Fleet will blockade the Japanese islands and you will

"You will not receive the Kuril Islands. Nobody will receive one meter of Russian

ders on Hungary.

President Michal Kovac of Slo-vakia said Thursday that his coun-to be at odds on how to achieve it.

try appreciated the Partnership ini-tiative and wanted to be an active that NATO membership should be

In Warsaw, Foreign Minister tries at the same time, an idea that Andrzej Olechowski of Poland said received a chilly reception from the

ing a greater commitment to letting are scheduled to meet in Warsaw former Warsaw Pact members join on Friday to discuss NATO and

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other issues.

clear that they were satisfied, in the short term, with European security

arrangements that included both

Russia and the Ukraine, which bor-

While the four countries share

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East European defense ministers

Sarajevo as Shells Fall Like Rain

Panic Grips

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Sarajevans cowered in fear Thorsday as a thonderous Serbian bombardment drove people from the streets and their jobs.

"For Sarajevo, this is one of the worst days since the beginning of the aggression," the state-run Bos-nian radio reported. "The whole city is under artillery fire from all Serbian positions around it." Sarajevo's two hospitals reported

two dead and 42 wounded, including a pregnant woman, and the toll clearly was much higher. The known death toll in Sarajevo is at 35 since Jan. 1.

After a morning of shelling, streets were virtually empty as pan-icked citizens stayed indoors, and the crackle of machine-gun and small arms fire sounded through

Employees of the Bosman state presidency were forbidden to leave their battered office building and prepared to spend the night there for the first time since the siege of Sarajevo began almost 21 months ago, officials said.

The shelling overshadowed United Nations reports Thursday that civilians are starving in Bosnia. A UN military spokesman, Major Idesbald van Biesebrock, said all warring parties were equally guilty

of interrupting food supplies.

In the area of Kakani, many villages have been found starving from hunger," he said. "We believe this is significant for

a lot of villages all over Bosnia, not only in Muslim-held territory, but also in Croat- and probably in Serb-held territories as well, he said at news conference.

"Some children are very close to starvation," he added. Larry Hollingworth, a senior of-ficial of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the agency had managed to deliver only 10 percent of food needed in central

Bosnia in November, and just under 18 percent in December. The fighting in Sarajevo came just a day after Croatian and Bosnian leaders met in Vienna for two days of peace talks. They pledged
"firm efforts" to stop the war in
central Bosnia but stopped short of
ordering a new cease-fire.

Reporters who witnessed the fighting on Thursday in Sarajevo said it was the heaviest in many weeks so close to the city center. Although much of the artillery fire has been directed at frontline positions, hundreds of rounds have hit civilian areas in the city.

Despite the bombardment, friends and relatives gathered to bury six family members who were killed by a single shell blast as they sat down for a meal on Tuesday.

"Does anybody in the world care or have nightmares because of what happened to us?" cried Maja Dragnic, 16, one of the few surviving Aid to War Crimes Pane

The United States announced Thursday that it would provide \$25 million and make available investigators; prosecutors and other persomel to the special UN tribunal that has been set up to try those responsible for war crimes in the former Yugoslavia, The Washington Post reported from Ovcar, Cro-

The announcement came after the chief U.S. representative to the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright, visited the site of a mass grave near Vukovar in eastern Cro-

Ex-U.S. Envoy **Quits** in Protest

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - Warren Zimmermann, a former U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, is resigning from the foreign scrvice in protest of U.S. policy in Bosnia and other aspects of for-

eign policy, a government offi-cial said Thursday. Mr. Zimmermann, director of the Office of Refugee Af-fairs, is the fifth State Depart-

ment official to quit for reasons related to Bosnia policy in the last 17 months, and by far the He made known his decision

in a letter to Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, said the official, who asked not to be

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UN Wants 15,000 Troops in Somalia

UNITED NATIONS, New York (Renters) - Secretary General Butros Butros Ghali, will recommend that a reduced force of at least 15,000 troops stay in Somalia after the United States withdraws and that Mogadishn be bypassed as much as possible, a senior UN official said Thursday.

But a report due to be presented to the Security Council within a week will make it clear that offers of even 15,000 troops, mainly from African nations, are precarious because of lack of money to pay for them.

Pakistan and India, part of the current 28,000-member force in Somalia, have promised to stay on, while Zimbabwe, Uganda, Nigeria, Mosocco, Tunisia and Egypt are waiting to see if funds are available.

Shevardnadze Plays Down Foe's Fate

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — The Georgian leader, Eduard A. Shevard-nadze, on Thursday shrugged off reports of the death of his arch-rival, saying that the fate of the rebel leader Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia was as a

matter of "small importance" for the country.

Mr. Shevardnadze did not express any emotion over the reported suicide of Mr. Gamsakhurdia, the former president, although he said he "would prefer Gamsakhurdia to be alive." In any event, Mr. Gamsakhurdia to be alive."

would prefer Gamsakhurdia to be airve. In any event, Mr. Gamsakhurdia "has long been a political corpse," the Russian press agency Itar-Tass quoted Mr. Shevardnadze as saying.

Mr. Gamsakhurdia, who was deposed in January 1992, led a rebellion aimed at unseating Mr. Shevardnadze and regaining the presidency. Mr. Gamsakhurdia's wife said Wednesday that he had killed himself after being controlled to the co being surrounded by government forces in western Georgia. But Georgian officials suggested be was shot in a quarrel with his supporters, and Mr. Shevardnadze's spokesman said the government had no clear proof of Mr. Gamaakhurdia's death.

German Envoy Held on Spy Charge

KARLSRUHE, Germany (Renters)—A German ambassador has been arrested on suspicion of spying for East Germany during the Cold War, the federal public prosecutor said Thursday.

The prosecutor's office identified the diplomat only as Rainer M., "German ambassador in a black African state." Bild Zeitung newspaper

said the suspect was Rainer Miller, ambassador to Gabon. The statement accused the suspect, who was arrested on Wednesday, of having been a secret agent for East Berlin's Ministry for State Security starting in the 1970s. "After entering higher diplomatic service in 1980 the accused held functions at the consulate in Rio de Janeiro, the German Embassy in Senegal and the Foreign Ministry in Bonn," it said.

Jets Bomb Rebels in Old Kabul Fort

KABUL (Reuters) - Government jets bombed the ancient Bala Hissar fort Thursday in an effort to destroy the headquarters of the ex-Communist militia battling to depose President Burhanuddin Rabbani. Infantry battles also raged in the capital between government forces and fighters loyal to the northern warlord General Abdul Rashid Dustam, and the two sides exchanged rocket and artillery fire for a sixth day.

Much of the fort was in rubble, but the commander of General Dustam's forces in Kabul was defiant, saying in an interview at the headquarters that heavy bombing of the city would begin after civilian evacuations.

Iranian diplomats tried for the second day to mediate a cease-fire. An official of the International Committee of the Red Cross said more than 3,000 people had been wounded since fighting broke out on New Year's Day. Hundreds are feared dead; there are no precise figures.

Japan to Overhaul Military Doctrine

TOKYO (Renters) - Japan will soon overhanl its basic military doctrine, which dates from the height of the Cold War, and redefine roles for the armed forces, a Defense Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

Prime Minister Morihiro Hosolcawa said last week he would summon a panel this year to redefine the roles and capabilities of the services. The ministry spokesman said it was not clear when the panel would be named and when it would meet, but coalition officials said not before July.

The new doctrine could include plans for shooting down ballistic missiles, some ministry officials said. Tokyo has been deeply worried about North Korea's tests of ballistic missiles capable of hitting Japan. Officials said army strength would probably remain the same at 150,000.

Attacker Clubs U.S. Skating Champ

DETROIT (AP) — Nancy Kerrigan, the U.S. figure skating champion, was attacked Thursday by a man who hit her on the leg with a metal bar. The assailant escaped. Miss Kerrigan was treated at a hospital and

Miss Kernigan was leaving the ace after practice when a man ran up behind her and his her several times on the right knee with what a witness thought was a crowbar or tire iron, She dropped to the ground, screaming. "It hurts so bad, it hurts so bad," the witness, said.

For the Record

South African police have arrested two alleged black guerrillas near the Transket homeland on suspicion of involvement in the sli women and a man in a Cape Town bar, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said Thursday they were confirmed members of the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

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Thom Politics

Most shops remained shot in Yearen cities for the second day Thursday following demonstrations against high prices and a sharp drop in the value of the local currency.

Roman Herzog, the chief of Germany's highest court, moved an important step closer Thursday to becoming the conservative candidate for president. Mr. Herzog, 59, got Chancellor Heimut Kohl's cadorsement, Finance Minister Theo Waigel said. He said his Bavarian Christian Social Union and Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union would back the president of the Constitutional Court to succeed Richard von Weizsäcker in May.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Most U.S. airlines began offering lower fares in an effort to increase traffic during the slow winter season, but the cuts followed an increase that went into effect a week ago. Northwest Airlines began the cuts and was followed by almost all major carriers. The deepest discounts range to 45 percent for travel between Jan. 18 and Feb. 16, with lesser discounts between Feb. 17 and April 15. Travelers have only until Tuesday in which to buy tickets. But airlines sometimes extend the date of sales. (WP) China raised air fares about 59 percent to make up losses caused by the

devaluation of its currency on Jan. 1, the China Daily said Wednesday. Passengers who still have the special foreigners' currency — Foreign Exchange Certificates, or FECs, which will be phased out under currency reform - can pay the old fares.

A special Miami tourist police squad will, in the spring, begin patrolling the airport area, a zone filled with rental car agencies and hotels that has become notorious for crimes against visitors. Philippine Airlines has flown with a crew of women for the first time,

airline officials said Thursday in Manila. Captain Aimee Carandang the country's first female commercial pilot, who has logged more than 2,900 flying hours, flew the 54-seat, Fokker 50 on a regular flight Tuesday from Manila to Cebu. (Reuters)

Queen Elizabeth II will lead a flotilia of warships and small craft to the beaches of Normandy in June to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings, Prime Minister John Major said Table Allies in queen will be accompanied by the heads of state of some of the Allies in World War II on her voyage, including Presidents Bill Clinton and François Mitterrand, he said. (Reuters)

NATO: New Structure, New Roles

sion of their Visegrad economic al-liance, named for the Hungarian four, it wanted to maintain politi-

town where it

The Czech government has been

partners, especially Poland, for largely accepting the U.S.-spon-sored Partnership for Peace, which

they say falls well short of the secu-

rity guarantees needed to ensure

nal stability.

regional stability.
"We welcome the project, but we
do not consider it ideal," Mr. Zie-

leniec said. "We expect a declara-tion that NATO is an open alli-

He said that while the Czech gov-

erument favored continued work

on a free trade zone and economie

Continued from Page 1 six Western European NATO members along with Poland and Hungary — and some officials said that Russia might also be able to

NATO officials said that if the proposal is approved at the summit meeting next week, alliance plan-ners will begin drawing up its de-

U.S. and NATO officials see these forces as a way for former Warsaw Pact nations to cooperate more closely with NATO as part of the Partnership for Peace plan that President Clinton has pushed to tie East European nations closer to

members grant them immediate membership in the alliance. In many ways, the plan caps ef-

forts begun by the Bush administration two years ago to develop ways to make NATO more respon-

more flexible way of employing al-lied forces." one official said, adding that the alliance's slow, clumsy response in Bosnia was due in part mip is very simply this," Mr. Gore

ic task force action, the North At- tions to get the world's economy last month lantic Council would bave to growing and open foreign marapprove such an action.

The plan helps satisfy a desire President Lech Walesa of Poland among France and other European mize the threat of nationalism in and other East European leaders of have urged instead that NATO more independent defense identity. Eastern Europe and the Baltics are

Continued from Page 1 tal, Minsk. As is his practice, Mr. Clinton sought to justify the trip on domestic grounds.

Diplomats said the East Europe-

an countries were coming around

to the view that the Partnership

plan was better than nothing and that opposing it would yield little

his country supported the aim of

the U.S.-promoted plan while seek-

The central theme of the speech was that Europe matters to Ameri-The plan institutionalizes a ca and the United States must not

"The message of the president's to NATO's inflexible structure. said. "In order to be strong at
Even though some NATO counhome, we must engage abroad as
tries might not take part in a specifwell. We must work with other na-

The vice president did not mini-

citing in their bids for full NATO

There is also a dark cloud on Europe's horizon," Mr. Gore said. He described it as "fiery nationalism ignited by old resentments, fueled by economic frustration. fanned by self-serving dema-

The most immediate allusion was to Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, whose highly nationalistic Liberal Democratic Party scored strongly in Russian parliamentary elections

"It is our duty to condemn the voices of racism and intolerant nationalism wherever such voices are heard," Mr. Gore said.

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Medical Group at Odds With its Lobbyists

WASHINGTON - The political arm of the American Medical Association gives more money, on average, to congressional candidates who oppose the group's positions on important public health issues than to those who support such positions, a new report says.

The report, published Thursday in The New England Journal of Medicine, concludes that the political action committee affiliated with the association "contributed more frequently and more heavi-

ly" to conservative lawmakers, despite the fact that they often opposed the association's positions on issues like tobacco exports and federal restrictions on abortion counseling.

Dr. Steven S. Sharfstein, an anthor of the report, said the committee, known as Ampac, "inadvertently undermines the public health agenda of the AMA."

In giving money to members of Congress, Mr. Sharfstein said, "Ampac emphasizes the economic concerns of physicians more than the excellent public health stands of the AMA itself."

From 1989 to 1992, the study said, the political arm of the association contributed an average of \$13,270 to members of the House of Representatives who opposed the association on three major votes, while "members who sided with the AMA on all three votes received an average contribution of \$8,800."

James S. Todd, executive vice president of the association, said

that while the findings were interesting, "no credible conclusions" could be drawn because the study was too narrowly focused and did not consider the full range of the association's lobbying and public affairs activities.

New Battle Looms for Budget Amendment

WASHINGTON - Another showdown is set in the long-running drams over an amendment to the constitution that would require a balanced budget. This time, however, President Bill Clinton will weigh in against it with e powerful new argument: Health care reform cannot be achieved if lawmakers must limit spending to match revenues each year as such an amendment would require Proponents appear to have momentum in both the House and the

Senate, which must each approve the amendment by a two-thirds vote to send it on to state legislatures for final consideration. In the Senate, which is expected to vote Feb. 22, advocates claim 60 of the 67 votes they need. Only 20 senators have voiced their

The remaining 20 undecided senators will be under pressure from both camps. This time, unlike efforts to pass a balanced-budget amendment in 1982, 1986 and 1992, the White House will be using

its influence against the proposal.

The president favors balancing the hudget in principle, but has warned that to do so with an amendment is to use a hlunt instrument that would require huge tax increases, enormous reductions in Social Security benefits and "major cuts in Medicare and Medicaid that Security benefits and major cuts in present security benefits and major cuts and major cuts in present security benefits and major cuts and major cuts

Clearing the Air on Ex-President's Health

ROCHESTER, Minnesota — Despite being shot and having two potentially serious medical conditions, Ronald Reagan was in good health while he served as president, according to medical records. The records were released Wednesday and are summarized in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons by Oliver H. Beahrs of the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Beahrs has been a medical consultant to Mr.

Reagan since 1986 and is a longtime friend of Nancy Reagan's. The

journal was edited for 44 years by Mrs. Reagan's father, Loyal Davis. Much of the information has been revealed before. Dr. Beahrs said, but he and the Reagans wanted the details released to break from a historical course of covering up former presidents' medical

Quote/Unquote

Bob Dole, the Senate Republican leader, on the death of Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., the former Democratic representative and House leader: "Tip O'Neill was the congressman's congressman and provided great leadership as speaker of the House of Representatives, and certainly will go down in American history as one of the great political leaders of our time. I consider him one of my best friends in all the time I've been in Congress."

Special Counsel Possible, Reno Says

By Michael Isikoff

Washington Pest Service
WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno suggested Thursday that she would seek court appointment of an independent counsel to investigate Bill Clinton's involvement in Whitewater Development Corp. if Congress, as expected, approves legislation soon to reauthorize the independent counsel statute.

Amid numerous calls for Ms. Reno to appoint a special prosecutor on her own, the ettorney general reaffirmed her refusal to do so now, saying at a news conference that such a move "simply doesn't make sense" at the moment because Congress appeared to be on the verge of re-enacting the independent counsel

Depending on the precise wording of the statute, she said, "There might be the possibility for me to petition the court for the appointment of an independent counsel" in the Whitewater affair. But bringing in a special prosecutor now, she added, would only cause disruption and delay" in the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the matter, especially since the courts may soon be empowered to appoint "even a third person."

Although Mr. Reno declined repeatedly Thursday to commit herself to seeking such an appointment, it was the first time she publicly suggested site would use a new independent counsel law to launch an independent probe.

Bill and Hillary Chinton were partners in the Whitewater real estate development plan in Arkansas with James McDougal, a political backer, and his wife. Mr. McDougal was the owner of a failed savings and loan that came under investigation by the federal authorities. Ms. Reno's comments suggested that she was

seeking to send a signal to members of Congress and the White House oo what has become a sensitive issue within the administration. Pressure for the appointment of an indepen-

dent counsel was building Thursday in the wake of new disclosures that a lawyer for Mr. Clinton had discussed the wording of a subpocna for Whitewater-related documents with Justice Department lawyers late last month, shortly before a federal grand jury subpoens was served for the president's material on Dec. 24.

White House aides, who have refused to release these documents to the public, said that they had sought the subpoens to ensure that the

members of Congress. Federal law forbids unbefore a grand jury.

As related by White House and Justice De-partment officials, the president's lawyer, Da-vid Kendall, and Justice Department lawyers discussed the wording of the subpoena on Dec. 23. When the Justice Department informed Mr. Kendall that they already had a draft subpoena for the Whitewater documents, Mr. Clinton's lawyer then suggested that it be even broader. This had the effect of protecting more material from public disclosure.

The sketchy accounts of the talks prompted Republicans to charge that the Justice Denartment was being used to serve the president's political interests by placing a lid over the Whitewater material.

The Senate Republican leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, said it was "unprecedented to have the White House and the Justice Department working together on a subpoena."

He added that Ms. Reno had "let the White House take over the investigation, which is a big big mistake on her part."

Ex-Business Partner Pleads Not Guilty to Embezzlement

By Howard Schneider

WASHINGTON - Susan McDougal, a partner of President Bill Clinton in an Arkansas real-estate venture, has been charged in California with embezzing nearly \$200,000 from the conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife, Nancy.

Mrs. McDougal pleaded not guilty last week in a Los Angeles court to forgery and grand-theft charges stemming from ber employment as the Mehtas' personal bookkeeper from 1989 until July 1992.

Mrs. McDougal was a part-owner of the Whitewater Development Corp. along with her former husband, James, and the Clintons.

A complaint filed by the Los Angeles District Attorney and a separate civil action brought by the Mehtas allege that Mrs. McDougal forged nearly 300 checks on the Mehtas' account to pay personal restaurant, hotel and other expenses. Following a brief arraignment, she was released on \$35,000 bond and allowed to return to her

The charges are the latest bump in what has been a roller-coaster ride for Mrs. McDougal. During the early 1980s, she was well known in Arkansas as Jim McDougal's partner in the operation of his Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, where she was a stockholder, board member and head of the thrift's marketing operation.

Mr. Clinton and his mother, Virginia Kelley, at an inaugural ball.

President's Mother, Virginia Kelley, Dies

HOT SPRINGS, Arkansas — Virginia Kelley, 70, President Bill Clinton's mother, died of breast

cancer Thursday.

Mrs. Kelley, a retired nurse anesthetist, dealt with adversity with a confidence that bordered on cockiness, and friends said Mr. Clinton; who idolized his mother, dealt with personal and political trouble by following her example.

She outlived three husbands, one an abusive alcoholic. She fived apart from Bill, her oldest child, for two years early in his life while she furthered her education so she could "give him the best." She helped her only other child through drug addiction and prison.

With penciled eyebrows, a streak of white in her dark hair, and a passion for nightlife and betting on horses, Mrs. Kelley was a colorful

sidelight throughout ber son's career. Of her critics, she said, "Those are the people who are used to siana, where she met and married women being shrinking violets."

Siana, where she met and married William Jefferson Blythe, a sales-

She was first diagnosed with cancer in 1990, just before she started working for Mr. Clinton's re-electure president was born. tion as governor. She underwent a mastectomy and was campaigni five days later. Last year, she said she had a recurrence of cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy.

Clay Farrar, the son-in-law of Mrs. Kelley's current husband, said-she had lunch with friends Wednesday "and literally, out of the blue,

passed away in her sleep."

Mrs. Kelley was born Virginia
Cassidy in Bodcaw, a small community about 12 miles (19 kilometers) from Hope. Her parents ran a grocery in Hope, often extending credit to poor blacks or ignoring

After high school she went to part because of his alcoholism. He never struck the children, hut be nursing school in Shreveport, Louidid hit his wife until his stepson put an end to it at age 14. Mrs. Kelley said young Bill broke up a quarrel by barging into his parents' bedroom and saying.

moved to New Orleans to specialize in anesthesia at Charity Hospital, leaving her young son, Bill, with her parents in Arkansas.

Two years later, Mrs. Kelley

"He deserved the best," she said. "I wanted to be able to give him the

In 1950, she married Roger Clinton, a ear dealer from Hot Springs. It was a troubled marriage, in large

She married a retired food broker, Richard Kelley, in 1982. They lived in a small lakeside home in

Hot Springs.

"Don't ever strike or lay a hand on

Roger Clinton died of cancer in

1967. Her third hushand, Jeff

Dwire, a hairdresser, died of diabe-

tes after about six years of mar-

my mother ever again. Not ever."

Tip O'Neill, 81, Former Speaker of U.S. House

By Martin Tolchin New York Times Service

Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill Jr., 81, an unreconstructed New Deal liberal from Massachusetts who rose to become speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives for 10 years, died of cardiac arrest Wednesday night in Boston.

Republicans made Mr. O'Neill a target of their 1980 and 1982 cam-paigns, portraying him as a bloated old pol with outdated liberal ideas. Mr. O'Neill was an old-style politician and proud of it, a House ficials and considered him the ultispeaker comfortable with power.

An early opponent of the Viet-nam War, Mr. O'Neill tonk strong positions on many controversial issues. He was the congressional leader who pushed hardest for the impeachment of President Richard

Mr. O'Neill was the speaker from 1977 to 1987, during the pres-idencies of Jimmy Carter and RonHe was a large, generous-spirited

man with a bulbous nose, yellowed white hair that flopped over his forehead and an ever-present cigar. To Mr. O'Neill, who spoke of the

Democratic Party with near-religious fervor, it was the party of the cities, the working people, the poor, the needy, the unemployed, the sick and the disinherited.

idencies of Jimmy Carter and Ron- Mr. O'Neill's speakership began ald Reagan, both of whom ran in January 1977, the mooth Mr. against entrenched Washington of Carter became president. About all

they had in common was their par-ty. Mr. Carter had reached the White House as an outsider who disdained Washington insiders personified by the gregarious speaker, who had worked his way up from ward politics. In 1980, when the Republicans

won the White House and the Senate and cut deeply into the House Democratic majority, the speaker privately hlamed Mr. Carter, berom 1981 to 1987, Mr. O'Neill

led the opposition to Mr. Reagan, a man with whom he shared an Irish heritage, an interest in sports and an outgoing personality.

But the two disagreed about government. Mr. O'Neill regarded goveroment as the solution to social problems, as an agent of social change, Mr. Res a problem in itself, interfering in the lives of Americans.

Mr. O'Neill was born in a working-class area of Cambridge, Massachusetts. His father was a Cambridge city councilman. His mother died when he was a child and his

father remarried.

He picked up the nickname Tip from a baseball player, James Edward O'Neill of the old St. Louis

Educated in Catholic schools Mr. O'Neill broke into politics at campaigning for Al Smith in his
 presidential campaign against Herbert Hoover. Four years later, he helped get out the vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He was elected to the Massachus setts House of Representatives in 1936, where he rose to speaker, and where he remained until 1952 when, he was elected to the U.S.

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New York Times Service tric ntility industry. As the first black woman to head WASHINGTON — Energy Secinquiry to include human experiments during the Cold War spon-sored by the Public Health Service. the Energy Department, Mrs. retary Hazel R. O'Leary was in her O'Leary said she was always sensioffice in November when Dan Reicher, a top aide, pulled her out tive to government-sanctioned pol-NASA, the Department of Veterof a meeting and told her he had

icies that were unjust or abusive. When she read in The Albuquerque "I just found out about experi-ments you should know about," Mr. Reicher said. "People were in-Tribune how government doctors in the 1940s unwittingly exposed five Americans to plutonium without their full informed consent, she jected with plutonium back in the 1940s. There's a newspaper in New Mexico that's about to lay out the said, "It just hurt me."

Among the subjects of the experiments was a 36-year-old railroad porter, Elmer Allen, whose Recalling her reaction in an ininjured left leg was amputated after it was injected with plutonium. terview, Mrs. O'Leary said: "I said to him, 'Let's get it out. Just throw it on the pile. It was another piece

Mrs. O'Leary said: "Mr. Allen appeared so utterly incapable of taking care of himself. My sense "The pile." it turns out, was a was nobody was looking out for project Mrs. O'Leary had started in Mr. Alien before the testing. He May to begin declassifying millions seemed like somebody who had of Cold War records from Energy been caught up in a giant machine. Those are the people who ought to be protected by the government Mrs. O'Leary made the project

from ourselves. She added: "I was stunned by what I read, and it was clear getting this out was the right thing to do. I tonium the United States has prothink that is the way this govern-ment is supposed to work."

But it was Mrs. O'Leary's vow at So far, many supporters and critthe time to follow up e seven-yearics of the department agree that the investigation has been a triumph for Mrs. O'Leary and that it has old request from Congress and undertake a thorough investigation of her department's buman radiation produced political benefits for President Bill Clinton. As more ex-periments were disclosed by news experiments that caused the higgest organizations, Mrs. O'Leary called on the government to compensate people who had been harmed.

Friends and colleagues said Mrs. O'Leary's actions illustrated the melding of instinct and political acumen that have marked her long

Away From Politics

The release of a new policy on ground combat roles for women has

been halted by Defense Secretary Les Aspin because it is vague and

might curb opportunities for them, military officials said. The policy

could exclude women not only from frontline infantry, but also from

most jobs in comhat engineering, field artillery, short-range air defense and other areas close to the battlefield, the officials said.

A Baotist preacher faces criminal charges for allegedly plucking an 8-

year-old from a pew and tossing him to demonstrate how God will

pitch the devil into hell. The Reverend Anthony Dearinger, 32, pastor

of Hillsbero Independent Baptist Church in Scram City, Illinois, pleaded oot guilty to child endangerment, cruelty and battery.

Employers' costs of providing medical benefits held steady in 1992 for the first time in more than a decade because of larger employee contributions, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce reported. It said 1,100

companies that employ a total of 2.3 million workers spent \$3,504 per

o Dr. Jack Kevorkian walked away free from his arraignment in Royal

Oak, Michigan, on a new charge of assisting suicide after supporters paid his \$100 bail. He promised not to take part in any more suicides

and must wear an electronic hracelet that monitors his whereabouts.

A 42-year-old man who used an unlicensed gun to kill two teenagers

he said were robbing him at gunpoint in New York pleaded guilty in

state Supreme Court to a weapon possession charge, and the judge

employee, or 10.3 percent of payroll, on medical benefits.

said he would most likely sentence him to probation.

in our work to come clean."

At a Dec. 7 news conference,

public by disclosing some closely held secrets about the U.S. nuclear

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By Keith Schneider career in government and the electrowing attention Mrs. O'Leary loves but that is rare in Washington been so slow is the was attracting, then broadened the ans Affairs, the CIA and the Penta-

Tackling Nuclear Mess Makes a Name for O'Leary

He seemed like somebody who had been caught up in a giant machine.'

Energy Secretary Hazel man who was injected

ative unknown into a prominent

"You can't do anything in this agency without trust and confidence," Mrs. O'Leary said in the interview. "But I had no idea that this would be as big a piece of building trust as it has, I thought a

narrow public would focus on it."

She went on: "As the days have passed since Dec. 7, I've gotten it. I understand what is going on here. The public, I hope, sees a past which is alarming and appalling. In the long run, if we handle this well, that might help us to establish a reason to be trusted." The White House, aware of the It is the sort of story the public

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ton: a cabinet official, acting on gut instinct, stands up and takes a bold stand. At this stage, it also is politically easy, since the experiments the government is investigating, administration officials say, occurred ears before Mr. Clinton took of-

Energy Department, which once

world's most edvanced atomic

weaponry, was hardly a model of

landscape littered with radioactive

charged with building the

In just four weeks, Mrs. O'Leary had transformed herself from a rel-

medical history lies a nest of other projects planned by the Energy De-partment that carry far higher po-litical price tags. One is a proposal to establish a new nuclear waste storage site in Texas. Another would revamp federal environmental cleanup standards. It is no longer a secret that the

R. O'Leary, referring to a with plutonium.

federal rules for cleaning up and disposing of wastes, which Mrs. O'Leary said sharply increased costs while doing little to lower

The post-Cold War era also has saddled the Energy Department with the equally daunting task of disarming the nuclear arsenal and But behind Mrs. O'Leary's condismantling highly contaminated bomb factories, some of them cern for this corner of Cold War among the largest concrete and stainless steel structures ever built. To meet these goals, Mrs.

O'Leary said, the administration is proposing to establish at least one new nuclear waste storage site at a plant near Amarillo, Texas, and perhaps others. Mrs. O'Leary scknowledges that she must build her department's credibility to begin solving these formidable problems.

precision, tidiness or wholesome conduct. Decades of sloppy operating practices at the agency's network of bomb factories and laboration.

On British Publication

SINGAPORE - Singapore will Since 1988, well over \$20 billion lift restrictions on the circulation of has been spent by the department. The Economist starting Jan. 15. to solve the waste problem, but Sales of the British magazine. Mrs. O'Leary said there was little were restricted in August to 7,500

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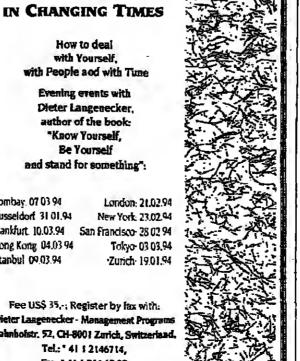
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By David Hoffman

Washington Part Service
JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization agreed Thursday to resume the stalled negotiations on carrying out Israel's military withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho, but a final agreement appeared to be weeks away.

In a joint statement by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Abu Mazen, a top aide to the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, the two sides announced plans to return to the bargaining table at the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Taba,

probably early next week.
[Meanwhile, Israel said it would release more than 100 Palestinian prisoners on Friday morning, Reuters reported. An army spokesman said all the prisoners were members of Palestinian groups that back the peace deal signed between Israel and PLO last September. All of them were due to finish their sentences by the end of

January, he added.] The announcement of a resumption of peace talks ended a dispute over the outcome of the last Israel-PLO meeting in Cairo.

Mr. Peres accused the Palestinians of backpedaling from a draft paper outlining compromises on such issues as control of the border crossings between Egypt, Jordan and the new Palestinian entity. But the Palestinians said

they had never agreed to the document. The two sides said they would now go back to the table on the basis of the Cairo "understandings" as well as the original "declaration of principles" negotiated secretly in Norway. The announcement also included a pledge hy both sides that "once an agreement is made, it can-

not be changed unilaterally." The negotiations are aimed at paving the way for Israel to begin pulling troops out of Gaza and Jericho, a process that was supposed to

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signaled Thursday that he would demand a complete resolution of all differences with the Palestinians even if future deadlines are missed.

"There are no sacred dates," Mr. Rabin said during a visit to the Allenby Bridge crossing between Jordan and the West Bank. "Every phase has to be negotiated, agreed, signed and only then be implemented."

He added: "I don't see any major problem in postponing. The dates are secondary to the purpose of the whole agreement."

Mr. Rabin issued another warning to the Palestinians not to try to reopen issues that bave been settled at the table. If they did, he "We will not feel we are committed to what we said on certain issues."

A senior Israeli official said the talks would take several weeks or longer to conclude, because of the complexity of the issues. The major outstanding disagreements include the mechanics of shared supervision of the border crossings, and the size and shape of the Palestinian enclave in Jericho.

Mr. Arafat has sought exclusive control of the border crossings as well as control over the

roads leading to them. Israeli news media disclosed this week that construction had already begun on n new Israeli bypass road around Jericho that would appear to circumscribe the new Palestinian entity on the east, denying the Palestinians control over a direct corridor to the Allenby Bridge.

The new bypass is designed to permit Israelis, destined for northern part of the Jordan Valley, to drive around Jericho. At present, they have to pass through the center of town. Since the abortive Dec. 12 meeting between

have started Dec. 13 and to be completed by Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat in Cairo, the two April 13.

Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat in Cairo, the two sides have beld meetings in France. Norway

and Egypt in an effort to narrow differences. The negotiations next week are to be headed by a PLO negotiator, Nabil Sbaath, and by Amnon Shahak, the deputy Israeli Army chief

Also Thursday, violence flared as a Palestinian stabbed an Israeli soldier in north Jerusalem, and was shot and killed by other soldiers. The assailant plunged a knife into the soldier, grabbed his gun and ran, the police said. He

was then slain by pursuing troops.

The authorities said they found a leaflet on the body of the Palestinian, who was a Gaza resident, saying he was a member of the mili-tant Islamie Jihad group, which opposes the peace accord.

■ Arafat Holds Line on Power

A leading Palestinian critic of Mr. Arafat's autocratic leadership of the PLO said Thursday that the chairman had rejected all demands for democratic reform in the movement, The Associated Press reported from Tunis.

"Chairman Arafat keeps the decision-mak-ing in his hand," said Haidar Abdul Shafi, the head of the Palestinian delegation at the 1991 Madrid peace conference.

He made his remarks after leading a group of seven dissidents from the Israeli-occupied territories in two days of talks with Mr. Araint. Their mission to PLO headquarters followed a chorus of attacks on Mr. Arafat's handling of

the peace process.

Last weekend, King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli leaders accused Mr. Arafat of reneging on promises during the negotiation process.

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Protestants' Advice

Around Europe

In Germany, up to now a smokers' paradise, some politicians are proposing a ban on smoking in the workplace and most public places. Its fate is uncertain. Roland Sauer of the Christian

Democratic Party plans to intro-duce a bill this month to limit smoking to designated areas in airplanes, on subways, in larger restaurants and at the workplace. He has support from about 40 other legislators, including Social Democrats and Free Demo-

But smoking also has its vocal supporters in Germany. When Lufthansa, the national airline, banned smoking on domestic flights, it had to relent amid the public outcry. And unlike in the United States, it is rare for a nonsmoker to berate someone for lighting up in public.

Scaffolding will cover the face of Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral through this year and part of 1995 as a restoration project, begun last year, moves to the 69-meter (225-foot) north and south towers and the upper parts of the facade. At the same time, a study will begin on repairing the intricately sculpted portals - once multicolored against a gilt background, but now of unadorned stone. A stone-cutting atelier has been set up behind the apse of the cathedral, which dates from 1163. Only irreparable stones

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Bettino Craxi, the former Italian prime minister whose career, was ruined by allegations of corruption, has suffered a new disgrace: the word craxismo is being removed from the dictionary. Giancario Oh, editor of the

prestigious dictionary Devoto-Oli, said the era of craxismo which is a synonym for political decisiveness - was over. Mr. Craxi responded characteristically to Mr. Oti's excision, say-The cathedral will remain open ing, "I think the imbecile who made the decision to remove the word is as big an imbecile as the one who decided to include it."

Brian Knowlton

Crime Fight U.S. Travel Industry

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By Robert C. Siner

WASHINGTON - The U.S. travel industry, hard hit by public reaction to violent crimes against tourists, announced a safety campaign Thursday that would include information for travelers and a concentrated lobbying effort for the Clinton anti-crime bill, stronger gm control and legislation that would make attack on tourists a

federal offense.

In outlining the campaign, industry officials stressed that no progress could be made without a partnership that includes the travel industry, "government at all levels and the traveling public itself." - At a news conference following a

meeting of representatives from government and all branches of the tourism industry, business officials said they would make safety information available under the heading Travel Smart in the '90s."

The campaign will make the case through statistics that despite widespread publicity following violence against foreign tourists, travel in the United States is safe.

According to Greg Farmer, who has been named to head the Commerce Department's United States Travel and Tourism Administration, the chances of a tourist being the victim of violent crime in the United States are more than 1000.

Dick Knodt executive vice president of the American Society of meal before an Epiphany procession Thursday among Greek, Russian, Syrian and Coptic churches. would also involve gathering safety information for travelers now provided by auto-rental agencies, air-lines and the hotel industry, and

making it widely available to travel agents in all major languages.

Mr. Knodt said the travel industry had signed on to the Clinton administration anti-crime package and also would lobby for state and local initiatives "that address both the causes and effects of crime in

America." Ken Hine of the Hotel and Motel Association added, "We have to do something about guns." The travel industry went on record supporting strong gun-control legislation at all

There was also support for the Traveler Protection Act introduced by Representative Neil Abercrom-bie, Democrat of Hawaii, which would make crimes against tourists a federal offense and give states and localities the option of asking for federal belp in solving and prosecuting these crimes.

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KUALA LUMPUR - A Malaysian Army general has been ap-pointed commander of United Nations peacekeeping operations in Somalia, Defense Minister Najib

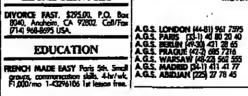
Razak said Thursday. The general, Abu Samah Abu Bakar, will take over the leadership from Lieutenant General Cevik Bir of Turkey on Jan. 20. Mr. Najib said Malaysia had 1,733 soldiers in Somalia, but might send more as other nations pull out.

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North Korea Hasn't Budged On 2 Nuclear Sites, U.S. Says

By R. Jeffrey Smith

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WASHINGTON.—Washington is no closer now than it was early last year to winning North Korea's korea's nuclear-related sites.

**Think there's been some confusion here," she said spections at two undeclared muclear sites, according to a State Department official.

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moving them to a higher diplomatic level.

She also confirmed press reports that North Korea-had agreed to another inspection of its seven declared nuclear facilities and said North Korean officials were expected to meet with the International Atomic Ener-

Agency in "the coming lew days" to work out details of the new inspection.

Discussing the long-running U.S. effort to styme North Korea's development of a nuclear arsenal on Wednesday, she said that North Korea had recently given Washington "reason to believe" it was prepared to renew a direct dialogue with South Korea about the creation of a nuclear-free Korean peninsula.

[In Seoul, Reuters reported that President Kim Young Sain said Thursday that North Korea was

Young Sam said Thursday that North Korea was beginning to show signs of changing its position on miclear inspections but that the world should not be

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"We can expect that real progress toward solving the issue will be made soon," Mr. Kim said at a news conference. "Of course, we must not become too

["I am not able to disclose details of what has been achieved so far in talks between the United States and North Korea," the South Korean president said. "But i can only say they are moving toward progress."].

Ms. Davis did not say how rapidly North Korea and South Korea would renew their talks or exactly when.

an inspection of the seven sites would begin. Referring to North Korea's promise to accept a new inspection and begin Korean talks, she said Washington was "very close" to having accomplished the key demands it had spelled out as conditions for discus-

the talks with North Korea and rebut an impression

Undersecretary of State Lynn E. Davis, who generally gave an upbeat assessment of talks between the our outstanding issues with respect to the ancher two countries, acknowledged that they were close to policies of North Korea," including demands by the an agreement on some nuclear matters that would unled States and the International Atomic Energy trigger widening the scope of their negotiations and Agency for additional inspections of both declared moving them to a higher discountrie limit. and undeclared nuclear facilities there.

President Bill Clinton, at a White House meet with editorial writers and columnists Wednesday, also described as inaccurate any suggestion that the administration had retreated to accepting only a single new inspection. Other officials said the issue of more inspections had snessly been deferred, not dropped.

Ms. Davis's remarks about a meeting soon between
officials of the inspection agency and North Korea were at odds with an account given by David Kyd, spokesman for the UN agency in Vienna.

He said that a North Korean official had been noncommittal when the agency proposed Wednesday to convene talks immediately in Vienna about the new inspection and predicted that the agency would not receive a formal reply from Pyongyang before

Saturday.

Also, U.S. officials said she had misspoken in telling reporters that Washington had made no decision about its terms for cancellation of a joint military. exercise with South Korea, known as Team Spirit. North Korea has long demanded its cancellation, and Washington has given assurances that its cancellation will be announced when North Korea announces its readiness for another inspection and new talks with

Reports of the decision on the military exercise rovoked Senator John S. McCain 3d, Republican of Arizona, to denounce the administration Wednesday

for giving up too much to get too little.

He said that canceling joint military exercises "for the sake of a single concession which is entirely inadequate as a means of determining the extent of North

sions between more senior diplomats. North Korea Korea's nuclear weapons program is without a doubt had sought such discussions as a forum for agreement on new economic and political ties with Washington.

Officials said her statement was meant to counter growing criticism of the administration's handling of proliferation and saher rattling."

U.K. May Test China On Issue of New Airport

HONG KONG — The colonial government said Thursday that in the absence of an agreement with China it might proceed with plans to finish a \$21 billion airport, a move that would worsen relations between London and Beijing.

Financial Secretary Hamish McLood said the British administration would, in the near future, discuss with local bodies how to proceed with the project, which was darted in 1991.

Mr. McLeod said. "Quite soon, we intend to go to both the Legislative Council committee dealing with the airport and to the Airport Consultative Committee, update them on the position as we see it in terms of both costs and timing, and have a dialogue with them on the best way forward." He said it was a "statement of

fact" that with an anticipated budget surplus this fiscal year. Hong Kong would have more money to spend on public works projects such as the new airport at Chek Lap Kok. "But that doesn't mean that we've reached any conclusion on that," he said. "We haven't." We are still awaiting a resolution of the issue of financing, and specifically on the amount of li-quidity to inject," Mr. McLeod

China questions the expense of the project and has voiced concerns that Britain is using it to siphon money out of the colony prior to the transfer of sovereignty in 1997 by awarding the majority of the contracts to British companies.

Not only does China take a dim view of the expense, but it is adament that Hong Kong's future gov-ernment not be saddled with large debts that would result from Britain's hopes of using international capital to finance a part of the project not paid for with extensive Hong Kong government reserves.
The two sides cannot agree on a

definition of "large" or on anything else about the project, which has now become mired in the Butish-Chinese dispute over political re-

The new airport is one-third completed, but no buildings can be crected without either Chioa's agreement or the approval of the Legislative Council for more moncy to be spent from government reserves. The latter route is certain to be a controversial move, because Governor Chris Patten's critics



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE - A woman hosing down the walls of the Wombat Park general store on Thursday in Gundeman, 70 miles northwest of Sydney. There were at least 100 bushfires raging out of control in the state of New South Wales, with three people reported dead.

U.S. Visit By Akihito To Include Raid Site

By T.R. Reid

TOKYO — Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko will visit the United States in June, including a stop at Pearl Harbor, according to Japanese news reports.

The trip, which is also expected to include visits to Washington. New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco, will be the first by a Japanese emperor since 1975.

Akihito is responding to the invi-tation of George Bush, who suggested the visit when he was in Tokyo in 1992.

Palace officials have declined to comment on news reports of the trip. But the reports say that Aki-hito, 60, and Michiko, 59 will spend about two weeks in the United States in mid-June.

One point of interest during the couple's stop at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, is whether they will visit the official memorial to the U.S. soldiers and sailors who died on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese launched their surprise raid on Pearl Harbor. The Arizona Memorial on the site is one of the most popular stops for Japanese tourists. The current Japanese govern-

ment has been the most outspoken vet about facing up to Japan's re-sponsibility for World War II.

TEXTILES: U.S. Cuts Imports

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billion yearly advantage in bilateral

On weapons sales, a shipment of supplier to the United States, with Chinese missile parts to Pakistan 9 percent of the market. In 1993, it prompted the administration to seranked first, with more than 13 verely restrict high-technology percent of U.S. textile and clothing sales to China. Finally, there is the continuing

The dispute over textiles is just battle over China's human rights one of several dividing Washington performance. In May, Mr. Clinton and Beijing, including not only extended China's most favored native deposits but differences over tion trading status for one year, weapons sales and human rights, assuring China of the lowest available of weapons sales and human rights, assuring China of the lowest avail-On trade, the United States is able tariffs on its expects to the pressing for greater protection of United States. However, as part ofsoftware, recordings, and publics—a deal with to allow this to pass, tions under regulations regarding Congress demanded that China intellectual property rights. The show significant overall improve-Clinton administration also ment in the erea of human rights; charges that trade barriers to U.S. if it wants the stame extended next

4 Nations Protest At UN Over Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, New York - The United States, Britain, France and Russia have protested to Iraq over what they called widespread human rights violations, in-discriminate bombardments of civilians and arbitrary killings.

In a statement Wednesday, they said they told Iraq's UN ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon, that Security Council resolution 688, adopted shortly after the 1991 Gulf War, demanded that Iraq stop mistreating its univers in the southern marshes and in the northern Kurdish meas.

They also cited a UN human

U.S. Teams in Vietnam Start Search for Remains of MIAs

The Associated Pres.

HANOI - U.S. teams fanned out Thursday across old battle- hargo hinges on progress in getting fields in Vietnam in search of the the fullest possible accounting of remains of Americans missing in action. It was the biggest such operation since the end of the war.

have Hanoi's permission to roam the countryside in both the north and south, according to Lieutenan; Colonei David L. Fredrikson, 2 spokesman. The search is to end

Their efforts took on added significance at a time when the United States is considering moves to furembargo on its former enemy.

Pacific, is to arrive in Vietnam on Jan. 16 to check on the search teams' progress. He will be the highest-ranking U.S. military offi-

President Bill Clinton has iodicated that his decision on the em-

the 3.239 remaining MIAs.
Five separate U.S. congressional delegations also are due in Vietnam The 84 Americans in eight teams (Aer the next 10 days to assess ave Hanoi's permission to roam progress on the MIA search and to study potential trade relations with

Western diplomats and business people point to recent develop-ments as indicators that the Clinton administration will take some action on the trade embargo this year. Since Mr. Clinton's slightly ther relax or even lift the trade easing of the embargo last September, a dozen U.S. companies al-Admiral Charles R. Larson. ready have registered to bid for commander of U.S. forces in the about \$300 million in internationally financed highway projects.

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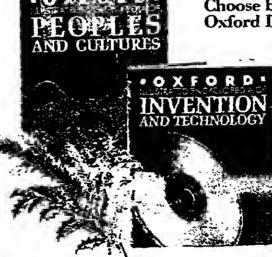
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A Bomb for North Korea?

American strategy for bargaining with North Korea over that country's nuclear program has apparently been altered. U.S. negotiators have subdivided the problem before them. In the first stage of talks as they are now proceeding, the United States means to ensure that North Korea builds no more bombs than it already may have. But that pushes into a loggy future the previous and prime American thrust to ensure that North Korea builds no bombs at all. The United States is deeply concerned that Pyongyang might already bave at least one bomb, it is said, but it is even more concerned that it might acquire more.
On Nov. 7. President Bill Climm said:

"North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a nuclear bomb." Now it is authoritatively sug-gested that the president misspoke and that what be meant was that North Korea cannot be allowed to become "a nuclear power." The apparent difference is that in be a nuclear power you need more than one nuclear device and also a delivery capacity. Whether or not the president in fact misspoke, it alters the whole strategic landscape of East Asia if he is moving to live with a North Korean bomb. even if the move is meant to be transient. Inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency are the nitty-gritty. North

Korea bas been backing off from its obligation as a non-nuclear signer of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to permit certain IAEA inspections. In the latest round of an extended cat-and-mouse game, North Korea reportedly agreed to onetime inspection of seven declared nuclear sites. But its obligation is to accept not only one but repeated regular inspections, and not only of the seven sites but of the two suspect nuclear waste sites that the Koreans have pronounced off limits.

The Clinton people, in keep North Korea at the table, seem inclined to "pay" it for doing what it should be doing anyway. But while North Korea stalls, there should be no discussion at all of the terms on which the United States might suspend its "Team Spirit" exercises with South Korea. There should also be no further delay in enlisting Japan and China in tightening sanctions. North Korea is not just some hostile country that could yet be made a neighborly one, but a deviant totalitarian state constituting a menace to peace. Its government is famous for its pathological secrecy and de-ceptions and for committing horrendous acts of violence against its neighbor in the South. It should not be allowed even to suspect that its possession of a nuclear weapon is negotiable.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Get Back Into Vietnam

claims of a war a quarter-century ago that nearly tore America apart. The best reason to end the U.S. economic embargo on Vietnam is that it no longer serves American interests. With the rest of the world trading freely with Hanoi, the embargo punishes American businesses far more than it punishes the Vietnamese. And if the embargo were effective, it would be perverse, Present Vietnamese economie and foreign policies warrant encour-

agement, not punishment. But, as the Clinton administration is again discovering, the emotional claims are not easily put aside. Washington's top Asia diplomat, Winston Lord, recently returned from Vietnam reporting that Hanoi is cooperating in the search for information about Americans missing in action since the war, in exactly the ways Washington has suggested could bring a relaxation of the embargo. The commander of U.S. Pacific Forces, Admiral Charles Larson, will also be visiting this month. But before responding to Hanoi's latest efforts, the administration has decided to consult its political advisers.

This news has already restarted the old debates. Arguing against relaxation are many families of Americans missing in action who feel that Hanoi's cooperation has not gone far enough. While about 2,000 Americans are officially listed as missing in action, all but about 100 are now reasonably presumed to have died in battle or captivity before the end of the war. The fate of the rest is less clear. While both Hanoi and the Nixon administration declared that all surviving American prisoners of war had returned in April 1973, newly declassified information suggests that the Pentagon believed that some might have been left behind, especially in Laos.

That suggests duplicity, by Washington and probably by Hanoi, which promised to return all Americans beld in Indochina. But does it suggest that Hanoi still bolds American prisoners? No one has found hard evidence to support such a claim, despite a yearlong Senate investigation and the Pentagon's own search missions under the Reagan, Busb and Clinton administrations. It is understandable that MIA families remain skepfical, given the evidence that they have been lied to. But how long should American policy be driven by suspicion of old misdeeds that no one today can do anything about?

On the other side of the argument is the reality of Vietnam today, It has transformed its economy along capitalist lines. It has abandoned military interventionism. And it enjoys warm relations with such anti-Communist neighbors as Taiwan, South Korea and the Philippines. In many ways it is as if Saigon, not Hanoi, had won the war. Today's Vietnam represents a deferred victory for some of

America's original policy goals.

More than two decades ago, when America was agonizing over how to extricate itself bonorably from Vietnam with many of those goals unmet, a Republican senator from Vermont, George Aiken, offered a simple suggestion: Declare victory and get out. Today America bas a much more attractive option on Vietnam, if only it is bold enough to take it: Declare victory and get in.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Papal Nod to Israel

unsettle, as is evident in the Holy See's decision to establish its embassy in Jaffa, which bas an Arab identity although it is within Tel Aviv's municipality. Church spokesmen insist that a Franciscan building there was chosen for economic and technical reasons. not to define a political distance between the Vatican and Israel. It is a textbook example of diplomatie cupbemism that nobody is expected to believe.

Few issues have caused harder feelings between the Holy See and Israel than the status of Jerusalem. Successive popes have called, before and since Israel's birth in 1948, for internationalization of the Holy City and its sacred shrines. What rankled the founders of the reborn Jewisb state was the indifference the Vancan had shown to the Ottoman regime in Jerusalem, when the city was governed by Arabs. When Israel proclaimed Jerusalem as its capital, however, and when the Old and New cities were united by Israeli arms in 1967, the Vatican began re-emphasizing the necessity of internationalizing Jerusalem.

Not just Israelis and not only Jews worried about the Roman Catholic Church's past condoning of anti-Semitism, about Pope Pius

The formal recognition between the Vati- XII's silence during Hitler's war against the can and Israel ends a diplomatic anomaly Jews, and about the Vatican's reluctance to and takes some of the bitter sting from a criticize Arabs — not least for refusing Jews access to their trolled East Jerusalem. These old wounds persist despite conciliatory statements by popes and papal conclaves intended to beal by absolving the Jews of blame for the crucifixion of Jesus. But the two ancient religious can now build on a new relationship, because Vatican diplomacy finally matches doctrinal statements on anti-Semicism.

Recognition opens the way for John Paul II to make his first visit to Jerusalem, surely a resonant occasion for the right words on the need for mutual tolerance. And despite past differences between Israel and the Vatican, the presence of a papal envoy will powerfully attest to the permanence and legitimacy of a Jewisb state in the Middle East.

Together with Israel's establishment of full relations with China and India, and with the likelihood that Jordan and Morocco will follow suit, the new ties with the Vatican can abate old fears of Arab encirclement and abandonment by an indifferent non-Jewish world. To that extent, the Vatican accord ought to boost lagging negotiations between an overcaurious Israeli government and its overdemanding Palestinian partners.

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A Three-Way Moscow Summit?

The first Russian-U.S.-Ukrainian summir

meeting in history might take place in Moscow during Bill Clinton's upcoming visit to Mescow. According to Ukrainian news [reports). Leonid Kravchuk has been invited by Boris Yelisin to come to Moscow.

Mr. Yeltsin's press office and the Russian Foreign Ministry neither confirmed nor denied the information. A U.S. State Department spokesman said that a Clinton-Kravebuk summit was possible only if there

were a breaktbrough in the talks on

Ukraine's nuclear status. For Boris Yeltsin, who got U.S. backing in his dispute with Ukraine. Mr. Kravcbuk's coming to Moscow would be a big diplomatic victory. It is hard to imagine that the Ukraini-an leader will come to Moscow only with the aim of confirming his tough position on Ukraine's nuclear status. It looks as if Ukraine, driven to despair by its economic crisis and realizing its dependence on Russian fuel and gas, is ready for serious concessions.

- Izvesna (Muscow).



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Set Criteria for NATO Membership Soon

WASHINGTON — Foreign Minister Andrzej Olechowski visited Washington last month to

make Poland's case for NATO membership. This former finance minister, one of the architects of Poland's economic transformation, thought he was coming to the nation that stood by Solidarity in its darkest days, dealt carefully with Poland's anxieties during German unification and led a Group of Seven effort with the IMF to ease the crush of debt on Poland's reformers.

Instead he faced a resolute Strobe Talbott, whose Russia policy informs Poles and other East Europe-ans that they are once again the lands between the great powers.

In his own determined way, Mr. Talbott is one of few high U.S. foreign policy officials who has charted a course in his area of interest and fought to stick with it. The problem is that there has been no strong coun-terbalancing force making the case for a European policy separate from Washington's Russian calculations. I hope President Bill Clinton's coming trip to Europe will broaden his perspective about America's interest. The president could start by giving

content to the administration's Partnership for Peace proposal. As the Central and East Europeans have recognized, this 1993 initiative does not appear to offer anything beyond NATO's 1991 decision to bring the former Warsaw Pact nations into the new North Atlantic Cooperation Council The NACC design also included specialized features to draw these nations close to NATO.

The United States should now propose substantive criteria which, if met, would enable at least the Poles, Czechs and Hungarians to qualify for NATO membership over the course of about three to six years. If they meet the standards, these democracies should be brought into NATO at about the same time as they enter the European Union.

The criteria should cover items like acceptance of borders, peaceful resolution of disputes, equal treat-ment for minorities, fair elections permitting a democratic transfer of power, civilian control over the military, cooperative security policies toward neighbors, anti-proliferation policies that are enforced, a serious defense commitment and a record of productive work with var-ious NATO subgroups.

There are four benefits to this ap-

proach. First, the criteria strengthen the hands of democratic reformers within these nations by relating a security payoff to sound policies. Concentration on Russia should not blind the West to its interest in the success of other post-Communist democracies. The Russian priority has already made it impossible for East European reformers to get modest increments of aid.

Second, the pursuit of these poli-cies by the NATO candidates will lead to better ties with their neighbors, strengthening peace and stability in a region that we have seen can precipitate plenty of bloodshed and horror without regard to Russia. Third, these criteria can belp

America deal with other U.S. securi-

ty objectives - including stemming

By Robert B. Zoellick

Fourth, the criteria and the time-

table give a reasonable response to those who fear that NATO's extension will find Russian revenchism. The West is not sushing. It is encorraging the strengthening of stable democracies with sensible security policies next to Russia and Ukraine a development that should be in everyone's interest.

These benefits need to take into

Russian reformers have told me, the success of Russian democracy will depend on events in Russia - inflation, growth, unemployment, crime, prospects for the funite — not on whether Russia is offered a road map for NATO membership over time.
Of course, other Russians, like the intelligence chief Yevgeni Primakov, warn NATO to stay put. But this is the same man who tried to undercut Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard She vardnadze when the United States and the Soviet Union joined together against Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait (Mr. Shevardnadze, by

the way, whose perspective on Rus-sian foreign policy is less inclulgent

account events in Russia. So let's do

so - with a hardheaded analysis. As

destruction. The export and arms policies of these nations are important to the United States that NATO would be product to take in the new democracies.)

Russians who object to a reasonable extension of NATO over time, based on sound criteria, are never going to be won over. And the West should not shrink from its own interests and those of its non-Russian friends if some Russians try to transform their weakness into a threat. I recognize that Russia's military

may have increasing leverage in internal affairs and that some officers might still see America and NATO as hostile. The West should meet their suspicions head-on by substantially increasing military contacts and proposing cooperative ventures with NATO forces. If billions of dollars of Western aid, a rich network of military-to-military ties and efforts to build partnerships ranging from space exploration to libraries still leave some generals paranoid, then I am even more sympathetic to the East European point of view. After all, it is useful to consider

how the different approaches might play out. If Russia turns authoriza-ian or endures a long period of political and economic uncertainty, some Russians are likely to want to assert spheres of influence over the lands of the former Russian or Soviet em-pires. Then NATO might fear that a move to accept new Eastern mem-bers would be perceived as a direct provocation. Without Western bulwarks, factions may arise within the Central and East European nations, as they have in the past, to counter or accommodate the negative forces in their larger neighbors. This response could actually trigger aggression.

Ambiguous reactions to instability and insecurity will make matters worse. Signaling uncertainty and lack of commitment will fuel the actions of Russian extremists, not out them to rest. If America pulls NATO back from the major security challenges in Europe, if it accepts the view of unfriendly Russians that NATO is a Cold War instrument, then it has begun to write the epitaph for the most successful alliance of

democracies in world history. Washington should consider carefully the full implications of letting this Russia policy overwhelm Europe policy, because the results are likely to be bed for a Russia in transition as well as for Europe and America.

The writer served as undersecretary of state and deputy chief of staff at the White House during the Bush administration. He contributed this

Yes, NATO Should Expand Eastward

By Janusz Onyszkiewicz The writer is a member of the Polish parliament

and a former minister of defense. WARSAW — Should NATO expand eastward, and if so, how far? On this issue, the most critical opinions have come from Russia. The arguments raised

opinions have come from Russia. The arguments raised are basically the following:

Such an expansion of NATO could isolate Russia.

Military alliances are always directed against some potential adversary. Thus, any strengthening of NATO is to be seen as affecting Russia's security interests.

 By embracing new members, NATO would create a cordon sanitaire separating Russia from the West.

Russian public opinion is not prepared for such a move, which could seriously strengthen the radical and neo-imperialist tendencies in Russia.

Let us try to take a closer look at these arguments. The idea that Russia would be isolated seems strange. It is possible to imagine the isolation of a country like San Marino or even Poland, but to think in such terms of, say, Japan or the United States or Russia is ridiculous. Russia

is not just a country; it is almost a continent.

The argument about Russia's security interests seems more convincing at first. But if one assumes that any military pact must always be directed against some body, then the common defense system of the Com-monwealth of Independent States would have to fall

into the same category.

Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, wrote quite recently that "the new Russia, from the very first moment of its birth, declared that it doesn't see NATO

even as a potential adversary."

There is no need for reminders as to how essential it is for the NATO countries to develop a good partner-ship with Russia. Good relations with Russia are crucial for Poland and Hungary also. To think that new NATO members from Central and Eastern Europe would be ready to give their consent to any military adventure against the East amounts to the suspicion that the ruling clites of these countries have lost their feeling for

the basic interest of their nations.

The idea that the expansion of NATO would sepa rate Russia from the West can also be dismissed. On the contrary, it should extend the area of stability more to

Regarding Russian public opinion, there are good. reasons to suppose that at present Russia has no clear idea about poincy toward its former satellites or about the future political and security architecture of the region. Russia is too preoccupied with its domestic agenda and its relations with the former Soviet repub-

lies and the West to spare the time and intellectual potential for creating such a policy. The only concepts still making the rounds in Moscow seem to be either a return to the system of "spheres of influence" or keeping the status quo. But the status quo cannot be maintained for long.

Some of the countries of Central-Bastern Europe at

least must have a clear perspective. If there is to be no prospect of anchoring into European and Atlantic political and security structures, there will be a natural emptation to look for other solutions.

A leading Moscow commentator suggests that Central and East European countoes, rather than subjecting themselves to the humiliation of the various "maturity tests" they would have to pass to enter NATO, and then having to pay to make their weapons systems compatible with the West's, might want to create a new "Warsaw Pact," but one based on democratic principles.

Others, perhaps more realistically, suggest a similar pact, but without Russia. This alliance would work out agreements on security with both NATO and Russia. (I would note that Ulcrame, as a nuclear power, could be seen as an especially attractive asset for this pact.)

But the strongest arguments are in favor of NATO's expansion eastward. Perhaps the most compelling of these is that it would be in the clear security interests of Germany. In the long run, NATO cannot ignore this problem without running the risk that security policies of least some important members will begin to transgress

ainst the framework of the alliance.
Poland and other East-Central European states want: to join the European Union and are moving to do so as soon as economically possible. The logic of the process that is now fully under way leads directly into the NATO
structure, a fact that should be clearly understood in
Russia. Endorsement of this prospect is essential not only
for stability in Central-Eastern Europe but for the political debate in Russia as well, where the sight of Vladimir Zhirinovsky waving a map with a Russian-German frontier should be seen for the absurdity that it is.

The United States Needs a Bigger, Better Europe

By Flora Lewis

PARIS-America, trying to focus nning to understand bow much it lost in the Cold War. It needs a postwar reconstruction policy just as Russia does, and cannot succeed alone. Foreign policy - a concept for reliable security — is as essential a com-ponent as it was after World War II. The cost of the Cold War must be included in order to grasp where the United States stands in the world and

how to proceed. A crucial element in Britain's rapid decline after World War II came from its attitude inward the outcome of the war. Other countries knew they had been defeated, early or late in the

conflict, and faced an enormous task of rebuilding and relaunching their societies. Because it was never occupied. Britain believed that it had won the right in relax. The United States faces a similar temptation as it gropes for ways to deal with the world without a postwar plan.

There is no looming enemy now.

But, as the financier-philanthropist George Soros points out, a serious security danger can develop in the East because of internal develop-ments and the inability or lack of opportunity to join the world of open societies. This world of open societies is what the United States needs to rely on in order to get on with its domestic concerns, just as Western Europe needed to rely on the cooperative obli-gations of the Marshall Plan and ATO to start recovery after the war.

The Clinton administration stresses the valid point that it takes a strong, vigorous United States to bear world responsibilities. It is equally true that the United States requires a reasonably stable, nonthreatening world to pursue its long-

neglected domestic goals.
President Bill Clinton's coming trip to the NATO summit meeting and then Prague. Moscow and perhaps other points east will focus at-

tention on this connection. The key NATO decision will be the Partnership for Peace, an ambiguous attempt to compromise between East European demands for admission and Russian objections in a way that establishes new ties without new commitments. It is a step in the right direction toward relieving the probiem in the East. But Mr. Soros calls it "paltry" and sketches a more ambitious mission "to help with the trans-

formation into open societies." His plan would make NATO the foundation for a larger political-economic structure to assure a courdinated East-West revival policy. His key insight is that the problem is not relations among the states involved

but the struggles in them as they try to manage change. It is a kind of Marshall Plan approach and NATO wrapped into one, recognizing the crucial importance of Eastern, particularly Russian, mili-tary establishments in the process. It sounds messy, but it is coherent — unlike the bits and pieces of patchwork measures to deal with the new

Strobe Talbott, designated the new deputy secretary of state, will develop

the framework for foreign policy in the new era. He should consider Mr. Soros's bold outline, along with Senator Sam Nunn's more specific, firm-minded proposals for eventually en-larging NATO without provoking Russia if it remains friendly.

The outrage at the resounding pro-test vote for Vladimir Zhirinovsky in the Russian elections has been salu-

tary. It is much better to react before be has any prospect of coming to

late. But it is also important not to let hini become a scarecrow for Boris Yeltsin to use whenever he wants indulgence from the West for un-

friendly or too autocratic measures. For that, the United States has to have a clearer, more concrete war plan than it has yet devised. Such a plan will also clear the way for its domestic programs. The link becomes obvious when you stop to consider that while the United States came out first in the last long conflict,

it, too, suffered hoge losses.

The New York, Times. The U.S.-German Link Still Matters

By Stephen Bierling and Reinhard Meier-Walser

M UNICH — When Bill Clinton visits Europe next week for the first time as president. Germany will not be part of the tour. Some will view this as new proof of the decreas-ing importance of the German-American partnership. They will note that with the collapse of the Soviet bloc. the old rationale for the Bonn-Washington alliance has become obsolete.

They are wrong.

Germany and the United States bave little choice but to cooperate. Common cultural traditions and a comparable weltanschauung belp, though they are not enough to save the relation's special character. Only mutual interests can buttress long-term cooperation - and plenty of those remain. Security. It took the trigger-happy

rhetoric of Vladimir Zhirinovsky to remind the West that Russia's military potential did not vanish with the Soviet empire. With state authority falling apart in Russia, power may be up for grabs sooner than many Yeltsin supporters believe.

Germany cannot forgo the nuclear umbrella provided by the United States. France and Britain, with their limited capabilities, cannot play that protective role. And for Bonn to go nuclear would be political suicide. Both outcomes run diametrically against America's interest in a stable Europe and a predictable Germany. Since Bonn and Washington benefit most from NATO, they should cooperate closely to keep it alive. NATO still takes care of Bonn's security concerns. And the U.S. presence in Europe helps diminish anger about German power in the heart of the

Continent That, too, serves Germany's well-considered interests. Stability in Eastern Europe. Despite all the attention to Somalia,

Bosnia, Haiti and North Korea, the West's foremost challenge is in the old East. It is essential for European and global welfare to help democracy and a market economy succeed in Hungary, Poland, the Czech Repub-lic and Slovakia, and to save Russia and Ukraine from economic collapse. The real question is not whether the outside world can influence the fate of the East, but whether it can afford

not to try. The two preeminent pow-ers of the West bear a special respon-sibility in managing this process. Neither country has the economic resources or the political strength to do it alone. Bonn can support the emerging democracies financially, while Washington deals with the 'big issues" like arms control treaties and nuclear proliferation. These policies complement each other, and will have a synergic effect.

Economic openness. Although the United States trades more goods with the countries of the Pacific Rim than with Western Europe, the latter is still the main locus of direct American investment. The European Union is the biggest U.S. trading partner outside the Americas. Since Washington wants to forestall the emersence of a Fortress Europe, it needs a powerful ally in the European Union, France, with its traditional protec-

tionist stance, will not play this role.

Britain does not have sufficient polit-

ical clout in the European Union. This leaves only Germany, the world's second biggest trading country. And Bonn needs the United States to counterbalance the protecdonists within the European Union. Germany's role as mediator between Washington and Paris served all participants well during the final days of the GATT negotiations. This

can also help in other areas, for in-

stance in bringing France back into NATO's military structure. Cooperation between Bonn and

Washington will by no means unfold without friction and frustration. But these have always been around. ship are yet to come.

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What counts now is the solidity of those common interests that have outlasted the Cold War. The best days of German-American friend-

Better though, said another, than "falling on our own sword over phony principle." If nonproliferation, so ennestly trumpeted by this president, is a phony principle, then where do we look for real principles?

meat, mixing cravenness with cyni-cism, calls this capitalation "very good news." For Kim II Sung, certainly. For America, the deal is worse

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Arms for Sicily

ROME — The Corriere di Napoli says the Consul of the United State Palermo has informed the Prefect of Palermo of the arrival there of money and arms from France. The paper adds that various Sicilian banks are receiving cheques from France for persons who cannot be in commercial lations with that country, and that the Consuls of Germany and Austria have notified their Governments of contraband importation of arms bn a large scale. The Chancelleries of those Empires, it is said, have warned Italy. I may add that there is a large party here which openly states that France is abetting the Sicilian disorders.

1919: Roosevelt Is Dead

NEW YORK - Former President Theodore Roosevelt died suddenly and quietly this morning [Jan. 6] at Sagamore Hill, his home at Oyster Bay, Long Island. Death resulted from a sudden attack of heart disease, fol-

lowing a pulmonary embolism. The New York Herald comments: "He never was happier than when fighting, and never fought but as a leader. He was always crying 'Come on!' never 'Go on!' Those are the qualities that make a crowd idolize a man, and Col-onel Roosevelt was idolized. He was intensely, passionately American, and he labored for America with the energy which he threw into everything."

1944: Metals Outlook WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] The Office of War

Information predicted today [Jan. 6] that practically all metals, including im, will come off the critical list during 1944. It announced that while exten-sive cutbacks in various lines of war production are planned, they will be more than offset by an estimated 17 per cent rise in the over-all program over this year. In its report on out-backs O.W.I. said bankite — abunimum are—will be out back 40 per cent in production by the end of January.

Hard White ... North Korea Gets a U.S.

Surrender By Charles Krauthammer

W ASHINGTON — The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which North Korea freely signed, requires a country to allow two kinds of inspections of its potential nuclear facilities: regular inspections of self-declared nuclear sites, and challenge inspec-tions of sites undeclared by the host country but suspected by the world of harboring inclear bomb work. As America learned to its sorrow in

Iraq, regular inspections alone are use-less. Which is why last year the International Atomic Energy Agency de-manded challenge inspections of two North Korea waste dumps for evidence of weapons-grade phinonium production. North Korea refused. It then announced that it would not al-

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low regular inspections, either.

What did the Clinton administra tion do? It began a long series of negotiations with the North Koreans offering them all kinds of goodies, most importantly, cancellation of America's joint military exercises with South Korea, if they would come back into compliance with the NPT.

What now is the deal? Does North Korea comply with the NPT? No. Does it allow challenge inspections? No. Does it allow even regular inspections? No. The IAEA will be allowed a onetime inspection of seven declared sites. In return, North Korea reported.

sites. In return, North Korea reportedly gets something it has covered for
years: cancellation of the "Team Spirit" exercises with South Korea.

"A total rout," says Gary Milhollin, director of the Wisconsin Project
on Nuclear Arms Control. As the talks have proceeded, Bill Clinton has systematically abandoned one position after another to the point that Washington is not even talking about things — challenge inspec-tions, even regular inspections — that it was insisting on only months ago.

Everyone knows that a single inection of Potemkin sites is a joke. Why then the pretense? Because the administration has a problem. It wants at all costs to get this problem off its plate, but the NPT has tough provisions to thwart the temptation to do so. Specifically, when temptation to do so, specifically, when a country reneges on its NPT obligations and refuses inspections, the IAEA declares that "continuity of safeguards is broken." These magic words are supposed to trigger a world response against the violator.

Hans Birx, head of the IAEA, was setting rady to use erretty those

getting ready, to use exactly those words in a United Nations speech on Nov. 1, but held off, much to the relief of the Clinton administration. With IAEA surveillance cameras and batteries in North Korea now about to go dead, however, Mr. Blix would have had no choice but to declare

continuity broken. So some genius figures out that a onetime inspection would allow battery, and film to be replaced and the IAEA to say that, technically, continu-ity had not been broken. No whistle

blows, we pretend that the NPT is intact, and the crisis goes away. True, the onetime inspection would do nothing to stop, slow down or even Korean nuclear program. But the point of the Clinton policy is not to stop the North Korean bomb. It is to

get the administration off the hook. Hence the deal. Result? (1) The NPT is dead. North Korea broke it and got a huge payoff not for returning to it but for pretending to. Its nuclear program proceeds unmolested. In Tehran and Tripoli and Bagh-

dad the message is received: Nonpro-liferation means nothing.
(2) The IAEA, if it goes along with this sham, is corrupted beyond redemption. It is supposed to be an impartial referee blowing the whistle on proliferators. Yet if Washington does not want to hear the whistle, the IAEA can be bullied into silence.

(3) American credibility, not very high after Mr. Clinton's about-faces in Bosnia, Somalia and Haiti, sinks to a new low. This is a president easily cowed and dangerously weak. Said one government official to The New York Times, "It's one of these cases where the administration was huffing and puffing and backed down."

This administration would not re-cognize a foreign policy principle, phony or otherwise, if it tripped over one in the street. The State Depart-

than dangerous. It is shameful. Washington Post Writers Group. OPINION

Their Curious Shell Game Has a Whitewash Smell

By William Safire

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space last summer (was cream or nurmer scandal a magazing cause of the apparent suicide?") Clinton aides blamed Mr. Foster's state of mind or the cruel, meanspirited Washington press corps, with its focus on "travelgate."

Questions about a lawyer with e guilty conscience were denounced as ghoulish, the product of a conspiratorial mindset. We subsequently learned that there was indeed a scandal brewing that in-

No politician is so stupid as . to try to hide something when there is nothing to hide. In Whitewatergate, the Clintons' pattern of behavior implies something serious to hide.

volved the Clintons, a go-go banker cro-ny who financed their Whitewater real-estate deal, and an S&L failure, now under criminal investigation, that cost

Vince Foster improperly kept the po-tentially damaging records of that deal in his White House office. Surely crossing his mind after the furor over the abuse of power in travel office patronage was the potential of far greater disgrace or prosecution in a money-and-influence scandal.

From the moment Mr. Foster's body was found, the White House counse Bernard Nussbaum, acted to keep those Whitewater files away from prying eyes.
The investigation was confined to the Keystone-Kop Park Police; the

Chinton lawyers refused to let them or the FBI see papers that might have revealed the suicide motive; and then, secretly, the files were spirited away from the White House to the presi-

dent's personal lawyer.
When the existence of the hidden file came to light, the Cart stonewalled.
Hillary Rodham Can attorney for the rotted-out S&L while her insband was responsible for its regulation, pro-fessed not to understand why anybody would be interested in a deal that lost. them \$60,000. But coriously, the Clintons never took that loss, if it existed, off their income taxes; more strangely, they wrongly took other deductions, and the lawyer who worked with Hillary on

these returns was Vincent Foster. During the '92 campaign, 10 cover up the messy record, Mr. Foster arranged for a lawyer to line a Deaver account

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WASHINGTON — What terrible secret drove Vincent Foster, the Clintons' personal lawyer, to put a bullet through his head?

When that question was posed in this space last summer ("Was dread of further scanded a triggering cause of the apparent stucide") Clinton addes blamed Mr. Fost.

After the mean, insensitive press.

After the mean insensitive press raised a rackus to produce the Whitewater files, President Clinton was forced to agree to "cooperate" with the investigation of the bank's taxpayer ripoff. He directed his personal lawyer to turn the whitewater files over to the factor of the control of the cont

Justice Department — a far cry from public disclosure.

But a curious lassitude overtook the

But a curious lassitude overtook the Clinton Justice Department. The files were not unned over forthwith; instead we were told they were being "catalogned," which the White House said would take "a couple of weeks."

Only Wednesday, as this and other denunciations were being written, did one box containing Mr. Foster's files, and four boxes of backup to the accountaints' whitewash, begin to get delivered.

Were the files so veliminous to require "cataloguing"? Can we be sure the documents did not get the treatment given the so-called suicide note, which appeared belatedly in 27 pieces, not one

given the so-called sincide note, which appeared belatedly in 27 pieces, not one with a fingerprint, and with the signature space missing?

If I were Louis Frech, the new FBI

director chosen by Mr. Nussbann and known as "Bernie's Good Deed," I would follow up by searching for a Foster safety deposit box or home strongbox, and would demand that Justice seek subpocnas to force the Chintons and their former

nas to force the Clinions and their former law partners and accountants to produce all other relevant papers.

What could explain the Chatons' document shell game that has been going on since the discovery of Mr. Foster's body?

Actions taken by lawyer-investor Hillary Clinton in 1988, when she requested power of attorney to "manage and conduct all matters related to Whitewater, Development Corp." may soon come Development Corp." may soon come mader the statute of limitations.

Special in-house counsel? Not unless it is Robert Morgenthan; better to use this pressure for House passage of the Independent Counsel Act.

No politician is so simple as to try to

hide something when there is nothing to hide. The Cimtons' pattern of behavior in Whitewatergate is that of wheeler-dealers with something serious to hide. Let us lique it is only politically embarrassing. The New York Times.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shirer's History Lessons

It was with great sadness that I read last week of the death of William L. Shirer. His seminal writings — "Berlin Diary," "The Rise and Fall of the Third Diary," The Rise and Fall of the Thuro Reich" and "The Nightmare Years" among others — vividity documented the rise of fascism and Nazism. Let us hope that the teachings of history which he so brilliantly detailed are not lost on us. Social intolerance, economic instability and ethnic hatred are again rearing their ugly heads. The same conditions that made Hitler's rise to power possible now fuel growing nationalist sentiment around the world.

In our celebration for having won the

Cold War, let us not lose the peace. By providing strong leadership and a coherent foreign policy now, we will avoid baving to fight another major war, hot or cold, in 10 to 15 years.

JACK A. MARK. Salt Lake City.

The Churches and Bosnia

Regarding "Bosnia's Holocaust Puts the Churches to Shame" (Opinion, Jan. 5) by Henry Siegman:

By dismissing in advance the expected criticism of his use of the term Holo-caust in connection with Bosnia, Mr. Siegman cannot prevent many Jewish survivors of the Holocaust from feeling that he is disregarding our victims. He could have compared the carnage in Bosnia to the loss of life in the civil wars in Angola or in Sudan but never to the "Final Solution" by which the Nazis decided to destroy our whole nation in a systematic way.

It is very dangerons for a Jewish leader to take sides in an alien civil war with strong religious connotations, as Mr. ming sooter.

an does in Bosnia. He barely mentions the Catholic Croats, although they exposed themselves to widespread criticism by their military involvement in Bosnia and the resurgence of Ustase elements, which are of grave concern to the local Jewish community. He strongly sup-ports the Bosnian Muslims, despite the fundamentalism of their leader, Alija Izetbegovic. And he invites Western military intervention against the Bosnian Serbs, who are Christian Orthodox, thus provoking possible reactions against lews in other Christian Orthodox countries. JASA ALMULI.

The writer is honorary president and founder of the Belgrade chapter of Holo-caust Survivors and War Veterans.

The Missing Words

Regarding "A Worried Europe Watches East and South" (Opinion, Dec. 25) by Brian Beedham:

Mr. Beedham's otherwise intriguing analysis omits one concept and two ROBERT SARTIN.

Thanksgiving Days

In "Later On, Santa Claus Got Jol-ly" (Meanwhile, Dec. 24), George F. Will writes: "Franklin Roosevelt dis-cerned Christmas's potential as a countercyclical program and moved Thanksgiving from the last Thursday to the third Thursday in November in

order to get Christmas shopping hum-

That statement is inaccurate, Mr. Roosevelt did not tamper with the date of Thankspiving until the outbreak of World War II, and he did so then in order to reduce holiday disruption of war production in a year when Thanksgiving and Christmas would have oc-curred but If days apart. This prevent-ed Thanksgiving from falling on my birthday, which upset me no little bit. Fortunately, the governor of my state, Civde R. Hoer of North Carolina, issued his own proclamation, maintaining Thanksgiving on my righday, It was also the day of the North Carolina-Virginia football game, at which, during halfume in Chapel Hill, my father took me to see the governor, whom I thanked.

Not Quite High Tech

The flue-cas desulfurization system in-The flue-ges desilfurnation system in-stalled in National Power's Drax plant in Yorkshire, England, and praised in your Dec. 6 Special Report as "technology of the future," is actually old hat. Flue-gas desulfurization was developed in Japan. During the 1980s, most German coal-fired power plants were fitted with that system. High tech is an exaggerated term for a rather simple technique which, how-ever, was improved in England in recent ever, was improved in England in recent years. Meanwhile, more sophisticated systems have been developed.

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With His Misogynist Smear, He Poisons Political Debate

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By Frank Rich

N EW YORK — To his fans. David Brock, the writer who ruined the Clintons' Christmas, is a hard-hitting realists or Mr. Clinton's adversaries.

To everyone else, he is a smear artist with a right-wing agenda.
But a reading of Mr. Brock's ocuvre in the conservative journal The American

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Spectator suggests that his motives are at least as twisted as his facts. It is women, not liberals, who really get him going. The slightest sighting of female sexuality whips him into a frenzy of misogynist zeal.

All women are the same to Mr. Brock: terrifying, gutter-tongued sexual omni-yores. Such caricatures are a staple of his latest exposé and its predecessors, including the article that spawned his book "The Real Anita Hill."

Hillary Clinton, even more than her husband, is the real obsession in the writer's notorious 11,000-word treatise on Fornigate (as the alleged scandalous doings in Little Rock are now concisely labeled on the Don Imus radio show).

With dour hyperventilation, Mr. Brock charges Mrs. Clinton with such noncharges Mrs. Cimton with such non-crimes as using "language that makes the Watergate tapes sound like a Sunday school lesson" and referring to state troopers' guns as "phallic symbols."

The prim Mr. Brock also alleges that the ubiquitous Little Rock Peeping

Toms overheard Mrs. Clinton express ing aloud a desire to have more frequent sex with her husband. How shocking! In a similar vein. Mr. Brock wrote that

the real Anita Hill was "a bit nutty and a bit slutty." He described her as having an "obsessive, even perverse, desire for male attention." (Perverse?)

He quoted an unnamed source on Ms.
Hill's "flirtatiousness" and "provocative
manner of dress" — "not sweet or sexy [but] sort of angry, almost a weapon.

When Mr. Brock went after Angela Wright, another potential witness against Clarence Thomas, he tracked down one source who accused her of having "a foul mouth" and another who said she "told male co-workers she liked

to walk around her house in the nude."
What most of America regards as fodder for 13-year-olds, Mr. Brock, a tender 30-ish, rates triple-X. His rage at women, meanwhile, invariably colors his view of men who commit what he calls "hanky-panky" with them. On "Crossfire," a smirking Mr. Brock

called Bill Clinton "a bizarre guy," not recognizing that the Fornigate charges, if true, would make the president seem all too pathetically ordinary.

Mr. Brock's idea of a non-bizarre man

is one of the troopers, Larry Patterson, whom he idolizes as a macho image of abstinence: "tall and trim, with the upright demeanor and closely cropped hair of a military officer."

The out-of-control American Spectator piece had the effect of trivializing the professional efforts of the Los Angeles Times and CNN to investigate the troop-ers' graver allegations of jobs-for-silence. Mr. Brock also temporarily drowned out the more serious conflict-of-interest allegations against the Clintons in Whitewatergate, which went undetected in his article because they would require a me-ticulous reportorial effort (the pursuit of a money trail beyond his abilities.

Mr. Brock's sins do not, of course. absolve Bill Clinton of all charges, any more than they convict him. Nor, as The American Spectator would be the first to point out, do Mr. Brock's transgressions absolve liberal journalists of their own.
The specter of reporters sucking up to the president during an off-the-record Renaissance Weekend recently in Hilton Head, South Carolina, is embarrassing. But Mr. Brock's misogyny injects a poison more lethal than political parti-

Sanship into the national discourse.

Among his charges against Mrs. Clinton is this irranonal passage: "She would phone the mansion from her law office and order troopers to fetch feminine napkins from her bedroom and deliver them to her at her firm."

Even if this story were true - even if a high-powered lawyer would really send state troopers on an errand that a clerk could accomplish at the nearest drug-store — who cares? To put a finer point on it, why does Mr. Brock care? Would he have told this story if Mrs. Clinton were fetching aspirin?

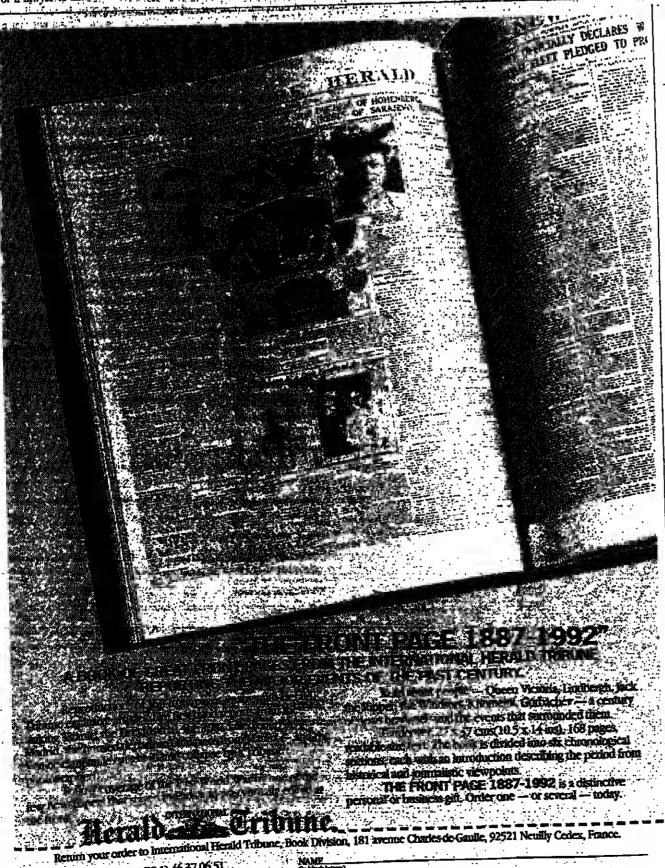
Of course not. His animus is so transparent that there will be no need for anyone to write a book in search of the real David Brock.

The New York Times.

A Moral Exemplar?

D AVID BROCK is an entrepreneur-ial moralist who has married Fleet Street techniques to the arts of neoconser-vative propaganda. That mainstream me-dia organizations have joined in this game is unsettling, if not indefensible.

Such snooping is occasionally justified as a means of defending public morality. "The president," one pundit contended, "is the moral exemplar for the whole country." This may be true. And perhaps Bill Clinton and his wife need to sort out their sexual relation-ship. But the best way for President Clinton to be a moral exemplar for a mulnicultural nation of 250 million people is to obey the law, uphold the consti-tution, pay the bills and look out for the little guy. To also expect exemplary sex-ual behavior (if such a thing truly exists) - Jefferson Morley, Washington Post.



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Tokyo Coffee Shops: An Éndangered Species

By David Tracey

OKYO — Coffee went big in Ja-pan 100 years ago when the Brazil-ian government sent free beans to coffee-shop owners in Tokyo. What a ploy: The Japanese are now the third higgest coffee consumers in the world. In the crowded capital, where sidewalk benches are seen as public obstructions, the customary place to sit is a coffee shop. But they're on

When dwindling sales of Coffeeshop Management magazine finally forced the publication to quit in September, the Asahi newspaper knew why: High land prices, gourmet beans available for home brewing and discount chains have forced out many of the mom-and-pop establishments. Japan bad 160,000 coffee sbops in 1982 and has only 110,000 today, a drop the naper said reflected "the end of the golden era of coffee

"But it's more about style than numbers," explains Kiyoshi Mitsugi, former editor of the magazine. He says that the heyday for Tokyo coffee shops was in the late 1960s, when political groups packed into them to plot the revolution and then sing folk songs about it. That was followed by the '70s jazz cafe boom that had thousands of music fans reverently contemplating Charlie Parker re-cords with the help of caffeine.

The higgest trend these days, beginning a few years before the current economic slump, is discount chains that target commuters with drinkable but uninspired coffee for 180 yen (about \$1.55). Even so, for variety, intensity and weirdness Tokyo's coffee shops can still rival any city on earth.

The capital has more than 10.000 coffce sbops, some of which have changed nothing more than their light bulbs since World War II. There are still coffee shops for classical music lovers with menus listing the musical themes of the month. One remnant from the jazz café era still posts a sign forbidding all conversation before 8 P. M. The following are three venerable choices from the past. but there are plenty more like them throughout the city.

Daiho in the fashionable Omote-sando district could attract customers just with its all-wood interior, shelves filled with books for browsing or Art Tatum on the stereo, but most people come for the brew. Choose from a selection of South American crops or go with one of the daily blends graded accord-

ing to strength. The beans are hand-roasted. eased into a muslin filter and then touched with perfectly heated water by a master brewer who pours with the concentration of a scientist calibrating something precious. It takes a while and, at about 600 yen a cup. costs more than the average, but the result is a wonderful thing that can power you through anything Tokyo presents for the next three hours.

Daibo has weathered the city's coffee shop trends by keeping some of the same customers for the past 18 years, like the man who walks in and is immediately handed his favorite manga comic book from behind the counter, but it's not ton snonty to welcome strangers. From the Omote-sando Crossing, head one block toward Asakusa on the right side of the road. The shop is on the second floor, above a garish noodle shop.

→ HE university district near Ochanomizu features a number of coffee shops providing the traditional link between students and stimulants. Among the oldest is Candles, a tiny room in a Tudor-style house run by a woman who has been serving the same coffee for 60 years. You can be the only one there and still feel crowded since the tiny chairs and kneehigh tables are left over from an era when the Japanese were smaller than they are today. Still, for standard coffee in a nostalgic setting Candles makes an interesting stop.

To get there, start at the corner of Junbo-cho Crossing with the conveyor-belt sushi restaurant and walk down and in one block. It's the rickety house covered with ivy. A cup of coffee costs around 400 yen and you might also get a free handkerchief just for

L'Ambre is a multitiered and well-worn classical music cale in the Ginza that looks as if its golden era is but a distant memory. The carpets are beat, the walls are musty, the clientele asleep. The coffee is nondescript too for 500 yen, but you get Bach on the speakers and a stuffy old chair you can sink into with no worry that anyone will attempt to roust you before closing time.

From the main Ginza 4-chome intersection, walk on the left side of the road toward Hihiya, turn left at the fourth street and look for a purple sign in English that says, "Without horder in music music is the word of the

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Take the EC Train: Berlin to Warsaw or Prague

By Ann Brocklehurst

ERLIN - 1 knew for certain that I was on the right train when a man charged into my compartment and, before I had even had time to sit down, began tugging the window wide open. It is my experience that it is next to impossible to take a train in central Europe without, at the very best, a heated discussion and, at the very worst, an acrimonious argument about whether the window should be open or

Until this trip I had always sided with the window openers against the closers, people I believed lived in overheated, overfurnished apartments and complained constantly about nonexistent drafts. But on the day I was traveling from Berlin to Warsaw, it was below zero and there was snow on the ground. With the window open, there would be a winter gale blowing through the compartment.

I decided this was not something to argue about, picked up my bags, and moved to another compartment where the window was

closed for the seven-hour trip.

Personal tastes about windows aside, train travel in central Europe has become a lot more comfortable and a lot less time consuming since Eurocity trains started on the major

routes last year. The new EC trains are faster, make far fewer stops and switch engines quickly at the border crossings where there used to be long waits. The tickets cost about

20 percent more than for a milk-run train. The Varsovia, outfitted with glass luggage racks, pink and gray upholstery and matching carpets, left East Berlin's old-fashioned Hauptbahnhof at 8:01 A.M., speeding past grayish urban sprawl and straight through the many S-Bahn stops leading out of the

Most of the 80-kilometer (50-mile) route to the Oder River and the Polish border is cut through evergreen and birch forest and it is only in Poland that it becomes clear the train is traveling across the North European Plain with hardly a hill in sight all the way to Warsaw. When pressed, even the locals will admit that this dry, mostly agricultural countryside is an acquired taste.

The passengers are a mix of prosperous-looking German businessmen and Polish

shoppers returning from bargain hunting in Berlin. Most people have brought their own food to save money or because they're wary about the meals served in the draing car. The prices are low by Western standards, but 5.20 Deutsche marks (\$3) for scrambled eggs, ham. toast, butter and jam appears less of a bargain when the butter turns out to be rancid.

Because of the lack of customers, the dining car is not, as it is on some trains, a good place to strike up a conversation. According to horror stories making the rounds, however, lack of company is not necessarily a bad thing. One traveler befriended by strangers on this route woke up bruised and penniless by the train tracks and later came to the conclusion that his newfound drinking buddies had slipped something into his drink and dumped him from the train.

ERLIN to Prague with a stop in Dresden, is a shorter but prettier trip than the one to Warsaw. The two-hour leg to Dresden is by far the most crowded; late arrivals may have to sit on their suitcases in the aisles. Escape to the dining car was not an option when all the places were taken by people without other

After the familiar and drab Berlin suburbs, the train passed through the more cheerful towns and farm country of Saxony. Entering the Saxon capital of Dresden, I caught little more than a gimpse of the old city, where the government has embarked on an ambitious program to restore and rebuild monum destroyed by World War II bombing.

As we moved further away from Dresden and into an area known as Sachsische

Schweiz, the views more than made up for the bitter double-strength instant coffee in the dining car. The area gets its name from the dramatic sandstone cliffs rising several hundred meters on either side of the Elbe. The chalet-style and timber-frame houses help make it possible to forget temporarily just what a polluted river the Elbe is.

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But then comes the Czech border, and almost immediately the effects of years of neglect and pollution are more evident. Approaching Prague at the end of the four-and-a-half-hour journey is something of a letdown since the Eurocity trains from Berlin stop short of the city center at Holesovice station in a northern industrial suburb.

On the return trip, made mostly in the dark on one of the winter's longest days, I headed directly to the restaurant car and ordered a Pilsener Urquell and a Hungarian salami plate. The more exotic items on the menu such as duck and rabbit pate were unavailable.

I could only be grateful on this journey that the staff outnumbered the customers and that in my compartment I was on my own - there would definitely not be any disputes about the windows.

Ann Brocklehurst is a journalist based in





Tommy Lee Jones in Oliver Stone's "Heaven and Earth" (left); Jack Lemmon, Ann-Margret and Walter Matthaii

Grumpy Old Men Directed by Donald Petrie.

"Grumpy Old Men" is the kind of movie a lot of people are searching for. It's cheerful, it's well under two hours and it doesn't concern any major social blights — unless you think Jack Lemmon tossing a dead fish into Walter Matthau's car is cause for alarm. Those rare qualities might make it one of the season's more entertaining films by de-fault. What gives it a jolt in its own right is that Lemmon and Matthau have only gotten willer in the years since "The Odd Couple." They can do wonders even with this middling material about two neighbors in their late 60s, lifelong friends who express their affection by pretending to hate each other. Just don't ex-pect their bicketing to be on the level of Neil Simon, and you won't be disappointed. Matthau and Lemmon may be familiar in these roles, but their characters are not really old or stale. And

Heaven and Earth Directed by Oliver Stone.

they're just grumpy enough.
(Caryn James, NYT)

Making his third film about the Vietnam War and its consequences. Oliver Stone suddenly finds himself on foreign terrain.

The reason: "Heaven and Earth," his latest and least controversial film on the subject, tells its story from the stand-point of a Vietnamese woman. This is a tale of extraordinarily melodramatie hardship, involv-ing rape, torture, disgrace, pros-Toro. Mexico.

inition and a disastrons mar-riage to an American Gl, all heightened by the despoliation of the heroine's homeland. Her name is Le Ly Hayslip. But comsidering all these perils, it could have been Pauline. Stone's best direction is volatile, angry and muscular in ways that Hayslip's story, that of a resilient, longsuffering victim, simply cannot accommodate. As played with impressive confidence by Hiep Tu Le, a Vietnamese-born Caiifornia college student making ber film debut, Le Ly certainly does not lack energy. She moves through the film with a scrappy vigor that suits her story. The film often returns evocatively to her memories of a lost, peaceful home. Certainly "Heaven and Earth" sets off sparks with the arrival of Tommy Lee Jones, as the one American soldier who isn't out to exploit this woman.

most colorful and involving epi-sodes. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Directed by Guillermo del To what lengths would you go to achieve immortality, and once you had it, would you ever decide to renounce it and simply die? These are the crucial questions posed in "Cronos." the first film by director-scriptwriter del Toro. In the story, an dio Brook) madly pursues im-mortality based on a secret method, while a mild-mannered Mexico City antique dealer (Federico Luppi) literally holds it in his hands. Love is the other strong ingredient in the script, because, according to the leg-end, continual rebirth is assured only while the heart remains untouched. The overall result is disturbing and sometimes grue-some, as an American underworld type (Ron Periman) who wants a nose job (a touch of humor) pursues the immortal on behalf of the old man. Like the fight scenes, the film deals heavy blows to the viewer's head, mixing vampire-type sequences with the tenderness of the antiquarian's relationship with his mute young granddaughter. Special effects abound. One is curious

to see this director's next effort.

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and Juliette Lewis in "What's Eating Gilbert Grape." What's Eating Olibert

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Directed by Lasse Hallstrom.

in "Grumpy Old Men" (above left), and Johnny, Depp

It's hard to describe the many eccentricities of "What's Earing Gilbert Grape" without making the film sound as if it had a case of terminal whimsy. Better to say that this is the work of Lasse Hallstrom, the Swedish director of "My Life as a Dog," whose gentle, meful style can accommodate vast chanting ways. Hallstrom is also adopt at viewing the world from the perspective of troubled young characters. And Gilbert Grape, the hero and narrator of this story, has trou-hles to spare. "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" is based on a somewhat darker, more accrhic first novel by Peter Hedges, who also wrote the screenplay. Like a lot of first novels, this one is much stronger on texture and character than on plot, and the film has inherited the same problem. But the screen version of "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" also has a lot to recommend it. Particularly impressive are the sweet, weirdly idyllie tone of Hallstrom's direction and Johnny Depp's tender, disarming performance as the long-suffering Gilbert Grape.
(Janet Maslin, NYT)

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By Kate Singleton

IENA, Italy — Beppe sits at a school desk chewing his pencil and frowning as he mutters something in Latin.

Around him there are plenty of heavy sighs, jigging knees and gnarled hands moving from worried mouths to gray or halding heads. Like Beppe, most of these men haven't taken an exam since the primary school certificate. And in Beppe's case, that was almost 50 years ago.

In classrooms around central and northern Italy the likes of Beppe have been facing ordeals more taxing than those of childhood in order to obtain a permit for looking for truffles.

In actual fact they've been unearthing such "miracles of nature" (Pliny) for generations in the woods around their homes, and probably know more about country fore than their examiners. But with truffles selling in cities for as much as 450,000 lire, or \$260, per 100 grams (3.5 ounces), it has occurred to the Italian government that it might be worth tapping this source of undeclared income. So give the proper name for the winter black truffle: Tuber melanosporum. And what law passed in which year regards truffle fields and their exploitation? More head scratching.

In ancient times it was believed that the small, dark, misshapen tubers whose pungent, earthy aroma and savor is so prized by gournets were the result of lightning hitting trees or the earth. In reality, a truffle is a form of fungus that grows about 5 to 15 centimeters (2 to 6 inches) below ground in parasitical symbiosis with the roots of certain trees, such as oaks, poplars, horse chestnuts and walnuts. The olack truffle found from December to May is the most common, but it is the rarer and more coveted white truffle, or Tuber magnatum pica, that Beppe and his fellows are prepared to suffer for. "I've never been much of a book man

myself, so all this studying has been quite an effort," he said. "Of course I know about the trees the truffles like and where and how to look for them because I've been doing it for years. But I had to get my daughter-in-law who's a teacher to help me with all the Latin names that are hard to pronounce, and the exact details of the law they've passed."
From October to December, the happy few

who passed their exam set off into the woods of Tuscany and Umbria with their precious truffle dogs in the early hours to sniff out the white truffles hidden beneath the leaves. The fruits of their labors are to be seen and tasted in the many Sagra del Tartulo, or truffle fairs, beld in the surrounding hill-top villages dur-ing the weeks leading up to Christmas. All this is traditional, convivial and de-

lightful. However, behind this colorful pag-eant, truffle-hunting is gradually expanding to become a regular business, with all due analyses, investments and projected gains. This is because it has been discovered that truffles can be encouraged to grow, given the right soil conditions. The outcome is an increasing number of truffle reserves and, indeed, truffle farms.

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Fuño Furukawa, 72, a former engineering professor, says he has set a record for top spinning. He says his 250-gram top spun for 38 minutes and 59 seconds, breaking the 1968 record of 5 minutes and 26.8 seconds. Who says newspapers never report good news?

To cultivate truffles, saplings whose roots have been specially disinfected and isolated are infected with truffle spores that should thus prosper in ideal conditions. Financial incentives are now available both for clearing and protecting potential truffle reserves and for starting up truffle farms with such mycor-hizal trees. The nurseries specialized in this delicate process say that the "truffle trees" require from five to 10 years to develop the desired fungal aberration at their roots.

"I bought a strip of land in a shallow gorge that looks as though it must once have been a riverbed," said Beppe, who runs a bar in a village west of Arezzo with the help of his wife and son. "I had the soil analyzed and they said it was just right for white truffles. So I applied for a grant to buy the truffle-treated saplings, which I got from a man other near Perugia. You have to be careful with the nurseries. There are plenty of unscripulous people around when it comes to selling something you can't even see. You want to stick to the ones who collaborate on research projects with the local universities. They're more likely to be honest."

To plant trees, even with financial help, and tend to them for a decade before any hope of a (taxable) return calls for optimism. Beppe is certainly a positive sort of person, which is why his bar is never short of cus-

But what will happen if the truffle farms do work and the market is suddenly 90 flooded that common mortals can afford what Nero described as "the food of the gods"? Well, the experts reply, tea and tomatoes were once both precious rarities.

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'94 Outlook for Cutting Travel Costs

By Roger Collis
International Revald Tribune

HE message from the husiness community to the travel trade for 1994 and beyond is this: We are learning to stretch our travel dollar not by traveling less but by traveling smarter. There has been a sea change in the ethos of the business traveler since the Gulf War. Executives are now traveling as much - if not more - than before the recession. Companies are sending more people out on the road to seek new business and meet customers in more

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competitive times. But they are also taking more aggressive steps to control travel costs. Companies have learned that you do not have to spend the same amount on travel to achieve the same results — in getting an executive there at the right time and in reasonable condition," says Richard Lovell, managable condition," says Kichard Lovell, managing director of Wagons-lit Travel in London.
"The level of spending for some companies is 30 to 40 percent higher than this time last year but there's still the same urge to save money. Travelers are learning to live with building business from the back of the aircraft."

"I think people are overall trading down — particularly in medium and small companies," says Andrew Gray, managing director of Air UK at Stansted Airport. "And big companies are putting pressure in terms of wanting value for money and all sorts of kickbacks. But they still travel in business

Whether the message has reached the travel trade — especially airlines — is arguable. British Airways holds firm to its strategy of premium "brands": first and business class on long-haul routes and husiness class in Europe (scheduled for a major relaunch "in 1994"), in the fervent hope that the premium market is going to bounce back. (BA reckons that one business traveler could be worth as much in terms of revenue as five or six passengers in economy.) Downgrading has been reflected in a calamitous decrease in airlines' yields — profit per mile per passen-ger. Major airlines have had "yield dilution" of up to 30 percent in the last year.

HILE business travelers are cabin-hopping — from first to husiness class, and from business to economy — airlines have resorted to an array of promotions and deals, from free upgrades and half-price companion fares to two-for-one in first or business when you pay the full fare.

These desperate short-term measures have devalued the airlines' class system. First elass (costing about twice the business-class fare) seems set to disappear. Denizens of the front cabins are mainly upgraded business-class travelers along with off-duty airline staff. American Airlines will operate a new two-class service on two of its 17 daily flights from Britain to the States from Jan. 31. Everyone moves up a class. Passengers pay-ing a husiness-class fare will sit in the old first-class cabin; while business class is to be

reserved for full-fare economy passengers. This is really formalizing current deals and promotions, and reflects what Virgin has done with its Mid-Class (for full-fare economy) and All Nippon with Yuttari Class. Sabena has converted its first class into husiness class and its husiness cabin into a full-fare economy class. Savvy travelers know how to move up a class by cashing in frequent-flier points or huying a consoli-



dation ticket (a discounted full fare) and

save up to 50 percent The class war in Europe has focused on rewarding the business traveler with a curtained-off section of economy with the same narrow seats and legroom and a few frills: the idea being to force the business traveler to pay top dollar for a flexible ticket. I recently paid £628 (about \$940) for a roundtrip in business class from Nice to London with British Airways. I can huy a round-trip to Dallas for that kind of money.

But business-class (fully flexible) fares are set to fall this year on many major routes within Europe by around 30 percent. Look for discount business fares — for people willing to sacrifice some flexibility in return for a ticket costing up to 40 percent less and which you can upgrade without penalties.

More competitive business fares are the welcome consequence of the third European Union liberalization package, which came into force with the single market on Jan. 1, 1993. It enables community airlines to set their own fares, and fly between two other EU states without the need to start or end in their own country. The crucial point is that 10 out of the 15 busiest routes are still only served by the two national carriers with the same high

You are likely to find the cheapest fares on those routes served by British Midland (Heathrow to Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt,

Brussels, Nice) and Air UK (Stansted to Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Nice). BM offers a choice of business fares in its front cabin, notably a three-day round-trip ticket that saves you up to 35 percent on the full fare. Air UK (with singlecabin service of business-class standard) has pitched full economy fares at 15 to 25 percent less than other carners.

But it is smaller regional airlines that will seriously improve the quality of husiness travel - with more services linking small cities with major hubs or with each other. They operate high-tech equipment, like the Saab 340 turboprop, or the BAe 146 whisper jet. And usually operate a one-cabin service to business class standards. Crossair, for example, the Swiss regional airline, which flies to more than 40 cities, serves a choice of meals, with fine wines poured from a fullsized bottle, and served on fine porcelain with silver cutlery. Deutsche BA (in which BA has a 49 percent stake), with a fast-growing network from Berlin and Munich to points in north, east and southern Europe, offers similar service on its 33-seat Saah 340s. And Conti-Fing serves long-haul style hot meals on its flights between London City and Berlin Templehof.

IRLINE alliances with hotel groups and car rental firms offer great travel bargains. Fly-drive and fly-stay deals can save you 60 ercent or more on "walk-up" rates. The BA-Hertz Executive Drive programs apply at about 150 destinations. Show your boarding card for a discount. Avis has a similar deal with British Midland, And Europear Interrent is developing links with many re-

Hotel rates will become as variable as airline pricing. Room nights will be sold through brokers at prices based on the same yield-management techniques as airlines use - the hotels' equivalent of consolidation

Keeping track of the growing number of frequent-flier plans will continue to be the most exacting management task of frequent travelers. Mileage counting in Europe and Asia is almost as much of an addiction as in North America. Business travel is frequently driven by frequent-flier priorities. A recent survey among European business travelers by Official Airline Guides, found 20 percent of FFP members had allowed their perks to sway their choice of flights.

But finding your way through a maze of mileage accrual levels and hotel tie-ins, bonus points and deadlines, can be as much of a nightmare as the travel itself. Perhaps by the end of 1994 some 15-year-old computer genius will invent software to unravel all of

Musée d'Art Ancien, tel: (2) 508-32-11, closed Mondays. Continu-ing/To Feb. 27: "Les XX et La Libra Esthétique, Cent Ans Après." Feetures the works exhibited under the segis of the two audacious Belgian associations between 1884 and 1914. Includes works by Seurat, Bonnard, Ensor, van de Velde and Khnopff, among others.

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British Museum, tel: (71) 323-8525, daily. To Feb. 13: "Demon of Painting: The Art of Kawanabe Kyosai, 1831-1839." More than 100 of Kyosai'a paintings, drawings, woodblock prints and illustrated books.
Royal Opera at Covent Garden, tel: (71) 240-1200. Bizzet's "Carmer." Directed by Nuria Espert, conducted by Jeffrey Tate, with Denyce Graves, Neit Shicoff/Richard Margison and Leontina Vaduva. Jan. 21, 24, 27, 29 and Feb. 2. London

FRANCE

Centre National de la Photogra-phie, tel: 53-76-12-31, closed Tues-days. Continuing/To Feb. 7: Van-itas: Photographies de Mode des 19eme et 20eme Siècles." Fastion photographs including works by Lar-tigue, Sarah Moon, Nadar, Newton

Musee d'Orsay, tel: 40-49-48-65, closed Tuesdays: Reopening/Jan. 11 to Feb. 13: "Nabls: Bonnard, Vuliterd, Maurice Denis, Vallotton, 1888-1900." 300 works by the group of young artists who exhibited together in the last decade of the 19th century and whose common style was partly derived from Gauguin's flat pattern compositions. Fans, screens, tapestries and illustrated books are includ-

Opéra du Rhin, tel: 88-75-48-00. Gluck's "lohigenie en Tauride." Conducted by Louis Langree, with Sylvie Brunet and John Handcock, Jan. 16,

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22, 24, 26 and 28.

Museum für Völkerkunde, tel: (30) 83-01-1, closed Mondaye. Continu-ing/To Jan. 30: "Von Kokos zu Plas-tik: Sodseekulturel im Wandel." Documents the arts and traditions of the South Sea islands.

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Nuremberg
Germanisches Nationalmuseum,
tel: (911) 13-31-0, closed Mondays.
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Staatstheater, tel: (711) 1-97-03. Verd's "Rigoletto." Conducted by ingo Metzmacher, with Gabriel Sade. Wolfgang Schone and Catriona Smith, Jan. 20 (premiere), 23, 28 and 31. and 31.

Museo Correr, tel: (41) 52-06-288.
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and 14 prints by the 18th-century
Venetian painter famous for his Ironical description of Venetian life and

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Sogo Museum of Art, tel: (45) 465-2361; closed Tuesdays. To Jan. 30: "Dairnyo Culture: Treasures from the Hosokawa Family." Feetures por-traits, Non and tea ceremony utensits, calligraphy and furniture of the Edo period from the private collection of the family of the current prime

NETHERLANDS

Muziektheater, tel: (20) 6-255-455. Mozart's 'il Re Pastore.' Conducted by Graeme Jenkins, with Bruce Ford, Teresa Ringhotz and Christina Schaler. Jan. 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28.

Rijksmuseum, tel:(20) 673-2121, closed Mondays, To March 6: "De-

geraad der Gouden Eeuw: Noordne-derlandse Kunst 1580-1620" 350 works of art from the "Dawn of the Golden Age," including paintings by Avercamp and Frans Hals, as well as tapestries, furniture, silver and glass ns of the same period.

PORTUGAL

Lisboa 94. As European Cuttural Lisboa 94. As European Curiliral Capital of the year, Lisbon will offer various exhibitions at the Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga, the Museu Nacional dos Azulejos, the Museu do Chiado and the Centro Cultural de Belém. The Coliseu, the Testro S. Luis and the Auditorio da Fundação Culturian utili hast hada parter Luis and the Auditorio da Furioaçao Gulbenkian will host bellet performances by Portuguese and foreign companies (including Merce Curningham, Ping Bausch and Sankai Juku). The musical program will include Portuguese operas commissioned for this celebration and several Benjamin Britten productions as well as performances by foreign or well as performances by foreign or-chestres (the London Symphony, the Oslo Symphony Orchestra and the Czech Philarmonic).

Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, tel: 467-50-62, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Jan.13: "Vienna 1900." Emphasizes the far-

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services for more convenience and comfort.

WHAT THEY RE READING

THE HISTORY OF HELL By Alice K. Turner. 275 poges. \$29.95. Harcourt Brace.

THE FORMATION OF HELL: Death and Retribution in the Aucient and Early Christian Worlds

By Alan E. Bernstein, 392 pages. \$32.50. Cornell University Press. Reviewed by Frances Taliaferro

THESE are lean times for eschatologists, or so it seems to the general reader. Whatever grand theological controversies may be raging behind seminary walls, out here we're unaware of them. Perhaps the "last things" that are eschatology's darker subjects — death, judgment and damnation are so painfully manifest in everyday life that a look at the morning headlines or the evening news is, in Emily Dickinson's phrase, "all we

In any case, hell's foundations are long since established, the landscape well mapped, the conventions familiar. The violent theology of a phrase like "Heli's Angels" has lost its power to horrify. As far as popular culture is concerned, hell is verbally trivialized - as in "I had a taxi ride cated: It's the stuff of New Yorker

By Alan Truscott

M ICHAEL RADIN of Man-hattan and Michael Kopera

of Brooklyn, New York, won both

Grand National titles this year, a

• D. M. Thomas, poet and nov-elist, is reading "The Last Investigation" by Gaeton Fonzi.

"Though I'm not an American, Kennedy was everyone's president in a sense. Fonzi was an investiga-tor for the House Select Committee, which effectively continued the Warren Commission cover-up, and he writes with intelligence and indignation.



cartoons and Halloween costumes. Two new books suggest, howev-er, that (at least in publishing) hell is an idea whose time has come. "The History of Hell" hy Alice K. Turner and "The Formation of over the centuries and were the work of many contributors. Here the similarity ends.

Turner's generously illustrated the early Church was that or use "History of Hell" is a lively popular abominable fancy, the idea that part introduction to views of the other plating the tortures of the dammed." present, with a rich concentration on the middle millennium of hell's history. Making no scholarly claims, she describes her investigation as "geographical rather than theologi-

what about cannibalism?)

cal or psychological," though she browses in the latter fields. Turner has served as fiction editor of Playboy since 1980; this worldly experience seems to have sharpened her visual imagination and her abili-Hell" hy Alan E. Bernstein are intellectual histories for the general
reader, both proceeding from the
premise that the concept and mythology of heli developed gradually
son literature" to modern reports of UFO abductions, and a dry humor informs such statements as this: "One of the less savory notions of

Turner is interested in the sort of quirks that bother you and me and even the theologians. Some ostensi-hly trivial theological problems are actually quite substantial, like the gest the what-ifs that occur to sev

first installment of a projected mul-Bernstein, associate professor of history at the University of Arizona, is a medieval historian and first-rate elucidator whose method is close reading of carefully selected texts. This book lacks both the illustrations and the dashing tempo of Turner's "History of Hell," hut Bernstein's careful commentary gradually builds an absorbing his tory, well supplied with scholarly footnotes. I am not likely to pursue references to the Journal for Study of Judaism in the Persian, Helleni Surely this is the kind of response that Bernstein hoped to encourage when he chose to write for a general

tian land of the dead was such a

"The Formation of Hell" is not a quick fix for the idle reader, but it rewards sustained attention and makes a good, sober partner for the chattier "History of Hell."

Frances Taliaferro, who teaches English at the Brearley School in New York, wrote this for The Wash

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In the diagramed deal, Radin held up his ace twice, aiming to restrict entries to the dummy, and and Kopera were East and West and they used a hypermodern won the third round. opening idea that would be prohibited in nearly all other pairs conand it might seem that he could tests. Two spades showed 6-10 points with either both black suits or both red suits, and the bidding quickly revealed the latter. cluh finesse. That would have failed because of the internal block Both sides bid vigorously to the

six level, and West was about to in the cluh suit: South inevitably play six diamonds doubled. This wins the fourth round in dummy and cannot score his last club. would have hinged on the opening Instead, South cashed his top lead, failing after a cluh lead but making after anything else since South was marked with the heart clubs and played a third club. East was forced to lead a heart, and South guessed right, playing low

But North retreated, and the size from his hand and escaping for of the penalty in six spades doubled became the issue. The declarer was in some danger of losing two heart tricks and one in each black suit. He ruffed the opening diamond lead and played high trumps. East

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geographical location of "Abra-ham's bosom"; other questions sugenth graders on a really ornery day. (Would food that you consumed during your lifetime be part of your body at resurrection? Yes. Well then

"The History of Hell" turns out to be a capsule history of Western civilization as seen from one partic ular point of view, and a tieh an-thology of general information both literary and visual. "The Formation of Hell" is the

tivolume work on the history of hell from the Bible to Dante. Alan E. tic and Roman Periods, but I found that I wanted my own Bible near at hand so that I could look things up.

The historical period of this volume is limited, but the subject is vast. Bernstein renders it manageable by concentrating on the ten-sion between "neutral death" and "moral death," the two most common options in the ancient world.
"Neutral death" assigns the dead
to a "morally neutral storehouse," "a pallid half-life without either reward or punishment," as in the Hades of Greek religion and (initially) the Sheol of Judaism.
"Moral death," bowever, provides a "subdivided, mapped underworld, zoned . . according to ethical principles," in which the righteous are refreshed and the wicked are tormented. The Egyp-

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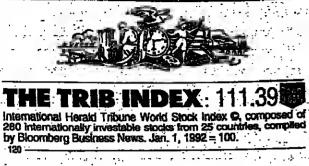
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Hong Kong **Plummets** As Investors Take Profits

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks took their biggest one-day plunge since the worldwide col-lapse of October 1987 on Thursday, as a long-expected bout of profit-taking swept the market.

The Hang Seng index plunged 793.43 points, or 6.52 percent, to 11,374.50.

The fall wiped out almost a week The fall wiped out almost a week of breathless gains led for the most part by Japanese fund managers ileging their country's ailing stock markets. Turnover was 13.73 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$1.78 billion), up slightly from the previous day's \$13.14 billion.

"It's been building up for the last few days," said Chris Malpass of Perceptine Securities. "The market was beavily overbought, and really, you're just seeing one or two investors consolidate gains. I don't think there is any particular spark which has caused the sell-off."

The Hang Seng index gained 115.67 percent last year, mostly in the fourth quarter, as American, Japanese and European investors started pouring funds into the mar-ket sending daily volume soaring.

Low interest rates in the United States have sent American investors searching for better returns over-seas. As China booms, too, investors have been buying Hong Kong stocks to get a piece of the action.

Mr. Malpass said selling was seen across the board and, in particular, in the real estate industry, which has made rapid recent gains. They are the natural candidates for profittaking given the substantial fortunes being made," said Mr. Malpass. Kirk Sweeney, director of re-

search at Lehman Brothers Asia, said in a report published on Thursday that the market will at best, be stable for the next few months. Among blue-chip issues, Jardine Matheson fell 6.50 dollars to 74 and Cheung Kong lost 3.75 to 45.75. HSBC fell 6 to 108. In the real estate sector, Sun Hung Kai lost 5.50 to a report from the semi-official Hong Kong Land was off 3.05 Hong Kong China News Agency.

10 28.30 and Henderson Land fell It said 140 additional freight

4.00 to 51.00.

Morgan Stanley forecast that Disney will cam about \$2.00 a share in the current financial year, compared with 55 cents a share in the year to September 1993. Before charges for accounting changes and its loss on Euro

1992, Disney's stock price averaged 20 times its earnings per share. His forecast for the current year puts that price/earnings ratio at 22, which he says would be a record high for the company — but still, he says, a justifiable level, given recent growth in Disney's film and consumer-products units.

Analysts said that, despite an expected rise in travel this year that should boost Disney's theme-park revenues, the theme-parks busi-

theme-park revenues, the theme-parks business was essentially a mature operation, and Disney's revenue and profit growth was likely to come mainly from its film and consumer-

pay-per-view and foreign revenue streams."

For the year to September 1993, filmed entertainment and consumer products ac-

counted for 59.7 percent of Disney's revenue Ms. Williams said her near-term shareprice target for Disney was at least \$50 to \$55 share. The stock was quoted Thursday at

She sees long-term annual earnings growth averaging 18 percent and adds that on a cash-flow basis, Disney has an asset value of around \$66 a share.

U.S. Opens Airline Policy Ceiling on Foreign Investors to Rise

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Transportation Secretary Feder-

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Thursday.

Mr. Peña said the only tax re-

lief the administration was willing

to provide was a previously az-nounced two-year delay in the ef-

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China-funded newspaper in Hong

Kong, was denied by an official at the Internal Trade Ministry.

Although there have been no re-

ports of unrest, officials clearly were

shocked when grain prices soared in

November despite a bumper har-

vest. Many farmers apparently with-

held their crop from the market after

the government announced it would

Officials now claim that grain prices have stabilized after several

measures were taken to prevent

speculation. One report noted that 600 officers now check prices daily at grain stores in Beijing.

The government has warned that

inflation, already running at more than 20 percent annually in urban China, could derail ambitious new market-style reforms planned this

year. Worries over new taxes that costs, the paper said.

raise prices in 1994.

China Said to Act on Grain

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BELING — Chinese officials re rushing grain to several provaces where supplies are tight and

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and competitiveness of the U.S. WASHINGTON - The The commission recommend-White House proposed Thursed several new initiatives, includday that the ceiling on foreign investment in U.S. airlines be ing a government corporation to raised to 49 percent from the current 25 percent of voting control system, as well as reducing taxes and user fees paid by stock when it announces its new airlines and passengers.

If we can find a way to reduce

International Herald Tribune, Friday, January 7, 1994

airline policy, industry sources said Thursday.

However, the plan would make the higher investment ceiling applicable on a country-by-country basis. Only those other nations that allow U.S. companies significant minority stakes in their domestic carriers will be

chgible, they said. Current U.S. law caps foreign investment in U.S. airlines at 25 percent of voting stock and 49 percent of non-voting stock.

The government plan would also reform air-traffic operations, reform bankruptcy law and promises a review of unneeded federal airline regula-tions. But it did not contain the major tax rollback the airlines had sought.

The proposal to raise the investment ceiling closely tracks recommendations made last year by an independent commission created by Congress and the government to study the problems

are rushing grain to several prov-inces where supplies are tight and

taking other emergency measures

to control volatile prices, reports

The reports suggest officials re-

main worried about public anger

over grain prices, which shot up 30

percent to 40 percent late last year

before the government reimposed

The government decided that

eight provinces and the cities of

Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin

needed the shipments, according to

said Thursday.

price controls.

(AFP, Reuters) trains would be used this month to

He added that the Transportation Department would speed up use of its new Gioral Positioning System a satellite-based naviga-Home system that can increase airspace capacity and reduce nister the U.S. air traffic costly arrane delays.

Mr. Peña said the department would also review regulations with an eye to quickly ending unnected one which airlines say cost them hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

"This initiative is good for consumers, it's good for the industry and its employees, and it's good for communities," he said. The administration says it cannot afford any more tax breaks as it tries to reduce the budget deficit.

Air-traffic control teforms would smit control to a new govemment corporation and away from the Federal Aviation Administration to help clear away bureauctic).

"Our 2021 is to make ATC more business-like and to overcome certain chronic impediments to good management."
Mr. Peña said, citing inflexible personnel rules and hurdensome (Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg)

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Metallgesellschaft **Survival Rests** On Bank Bailout

Metals Giant Cites Losses As High as 3.3 Billion DM

FRANKFURT - Metaligeselischaft AG, the stricken German metals group and one of Germany's most prominent companies, revealed potential losses Thursday of up to 3.3 hillion Deutsche marks (\$1.9 hillion) and said it would fail if its bankers did not bail it out. In addition to a huge loss of 1.8

hillion DM for the business year ended on Sept. 30, Metallgesellschaft said it might have to report 2 loss of a further 1.5 hillion DM from tisky oil deals in the United

Karl-Josef Neukirchen, the new management board chairman, said the company faced insolvency if which include an injection of about our own actions and not just through capital measures." he said. banks turned down his proposals. Metallgesellschaft's workers council warned of "unforeseeable

consequences for the reputation of tably banks, that its proposed restructuring and consolidation

into crisis in early December when subscribed by the shareholders, it had to ask banks for extra credit said Helmut Hartmann, a spokes after it was caught off guard by a man for Deutsche Bank AG, one of Metallgesellschaft's leading crediexecutives were then fired and a tors and shareholders. further four left the management gered a rush to buy color televi-sions and other household elec-

Meanwhile. Luo Zhiling, vice was confident its fortunes could be news on the table. At least, 1 hope the chairman of the state planning turned around if a 3.2 billion DM it's all the had news." The company said Thursday it commission, said Thursday that package of capital measures and the living standard of the vast maloans announced on Wednesday jority of the people not only will was approved by the company's not fall but will improve in spite creditor banks.

approve the package. In addition to other cases in the 1980s, the equity injection, banks are beof shortages following recent eco-Embarking on one of its toughest common reform programs yet, the government will ask residents to buy their homes beginning this year, the official China Daily reported, according to a report from Bloomberg Business News in Hong Kong.

Full-scale housing reform is supposed to start this year and will focus on selling most public housing and raising rents to cover future.

Although shares in Metallge-sellschaft were suspended, bank shares in Germany were sharply ower on Thursday, Dresdner Bank in Deutsche Bank fell 10.50 DM to 453 DM and Deutsche Bank fell 10.50 DM and Deutsche Bank fell 10.50 DM to 453 DM and Deutsche Bank fell 10.50 DM and Deutsche

focus on selling most public house ing and raising rents to cover future had shocked analysts.

Mr. Neukirchen put forward ten-

tative plans for the sale of two of the

vast network of about 250 subsidiaries that make up the conglomerate. It was the 25th-largest company in Germany in 1992.

A television report quoted Mr. Neukirchen as saying the units to be sold were Kolbenschmidt AG. an auto-parts supplier, and "a globally operating mining company win beadquarters in Toronto." That description fits Metall Mining Corp_ in which Metaligesellschaft holds 51 percent.

He aiso said that staff expenditure had to be reduced by between 600 and 700 million DM. Currently the company employs about

"We must try to reduce financial debt, which is extremely high, by The company said Wednesday after its meeting with creditors, no-

package was "positively received." We are presuming that it will be

Ingrid Burkhards, an analyst at B. Metzler Sohn & Co., said: "Neukirchen is at pains to get all the bad

the offering goes through," said Ms. Burkhardt. She noted that Deutsche Bank in particular had The hanks have until Jan. 12 to guaranteed similar operations in Although shares in Metallge-

WALL STREET WATCH

Disney's Star Is Rising, Analysts Say

By Callum Henderson

AFP-Extel News EW YORK - Analysts are raising their ratings on stock of Walt Disney Co., despite continuing financial problems at Euro Disney SCA, in the belief that Disney's stock price undervalues its exceptional array of media assets and on expectations of strong revenue growth in its film and consumer-product

Analysts say the stock price was weighed down last year by increasing losses at Euro Disney, operator of the theme park near Paris, which is currently in talks with its bank.

say, Walt Disney's problems aside, they say, Walt Disney, with its array of programming assets including Walt Disney Studios, is well placed to benefit from the arrival of the so-called information superhighway.

Disney has "had a rough ride" because Euro Disney, of which Walt Disney Co. owns 49 percent, has failed to attract as many

49 percent, has failed to attract as many visitors and generate as much revenue as expected, one analyst said, but underneath that, it has what this new interactive, digital media market will want - programming con-

tent which sells." Disney should gain substantially from a sharp rise in programming demand expected to result from the development of the relemmunications, cable and media industries into an information and entertainment juggernaut, Sharon Williams, an analyst at Pro-dential Securities, said.

Paine Webber Inc. recently added Disney to its so-called focus list of 30 stocks rated "attractive" or "buy," saying the company was its top choice among large capitalization CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

Sources: ING Bank (Amsterdam); Indexest Bank (Brussein); Bon. (Milan); Agence Pronce Presse (Parks); Bank of Tokyo. (Takyo); (Torondo); IMF (SDR). Object from Sources.

PaineWebber said Disney was "superbly ositioned" to benefit from both an increase of film output and a restructuring of Euro lisney.

The paineWebber said Disney was "superbly continued to benefit from both an increase of "Beauty and the Beast" should raise video profit by 50 percent for the year ending this September.

Both Ms. Williams and Alan Kassan at in film output and a restructuring of Euro

Morgan Stanley & Co. has raised its rating on Disacy to "buy" from "hold," and Salo-mon Brothers Inc. has also made a buy recommendation on Disney stock.

Margo Vigaola, an analyst at Salomon,
said that Disney's carnings comparisons

Euro Disney's problems

aside, Walt Disney, with its programming assets, should be a strong "information

superhighway" play.

"should improve throughout the year, especially in Enro Disney," and the company has two full-length animated films set for spring 1994 release, "The Lion King" and "Poca-

In addition, video sales of Disney's "Aladdin film have been strong in the United States, on top of its outstanding box-office performance. The video is due to be marketed mernationally this quarter, Ms. Vignola said.
Ms. Williams at Prudential said Disney made \$7 in profit on every sale of a videocassette of one of its films.

She said the video release of "Beauty and

the Beast" had added almost \$150 million to Disney's operating profit in the year ended in September 1993, and she said the video release of "Aladdin" and the international video

Disney, earnings last year were \$1.63 a share.
According to Mr. Kassan, from 1986 to
1992, Disney's stock price averaged 20 times

products divisions.

"Going forward," Mr. Kassan said, "the film business warrants a higher valuation than in the past, in view of the greater upside in the animation area and the potential new

\$45.625, up 75 cents.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks firmed Thursday as investors concentrated on a rally in bonds that was sparked by Labor Secretary.

N.Y. Stocks

Robert B. Reich, who suggested job growth in December had fallen short of expections.

The Dow Jones iodustrial index topped the barrier of 3,800 for the first time, climbing 5.06 points, to 3,803.88. It had risen 14.92 points on Wednesday.

Volume on the Big Board was about 357.53 million shares, down from 375.13 million on Wednesday.

Mr. Reich said that the employ-ment report due Friday would probably show a gain of 160,000 to 200,000 nonfarm jobs. less than generally forecast. The implication that the econo-

my may not be growing as rapidly as believed underpinned the bood market, which would suffer from inflation that accompanied a strong expansion. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bood was up 22/32 in late trading, at 98 24/32. The yield was quoted at 6.34 percent, down from 6.4 percent.

Although bond investors took the view that the economy was not as share, up from 18 cents a year ago, strong as had been supposed, deal(Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, UPI) strong as had been supposed, deal-

ers said there was still considerable optimism about the economy. "We believe the strength in the

economy will continue into the first quarter, despite some of the numbers this week," said Robert voo Pentz, chief investment officer of Riggs lovestment Maoagement Corp., which oversees about \$2.5 billion in assets. "The big engines of economic growth, housing and autos, are still firmly in place."

Circuit City Stores paced the New York Stock Exchange actives, falling 4½ to 17%. The company said same-store sales, or sales in stores open at least a year, rose 8 percent in December. But it also said it expected its earnings to be flat in the coming financial year.

Kmart was second followed, off 1% to 19%. The retail giant said same-store sales rose 1.1 percent in December, "but the gain was adversely affected by significant declines at the soon-to-be-divested PACE Membership Warehouse and

PayLess Drug Store businesses."
Adobe Systems led the Nasdaq actives, up 4 to 26½ after rating upgrades from Alex. Brown & Sons and Hambrecht & Quist. After the market closed Wednesday, the graphic software maker reported fourth-quarter earnings of 34 cents a

Dollar Passes 1.74 DM But Slips Against Yen

AFP-Exiel News

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the Deutsche mark and other European currencies but fell

against the yen Thursday. Hugh Walsh, a dealer at ING Bank, said American fund managers entered the market to buy the dollar against the Deutsche mark and the Swiss franc even though

Foreign Exchange

the Bundeshank decided not to reduce key German interest rates. Although firmer interest rates normally would make a currency more attractive to investors, he said, the trend lately io Europe has been for countries that cut their interest rates to see their currencies

strengthen, in the expectation that

lower interest rates will help weak economies recover Mr. Walsh said Quantum Fund, headed by George Soros, had been an active buyer of dollars at around 1.7370 DM. This, he said, helped push the dollar through resistance levels at 1.7400 DM and 1.7425 DM, triggering more buying orders from bank dealers and customers

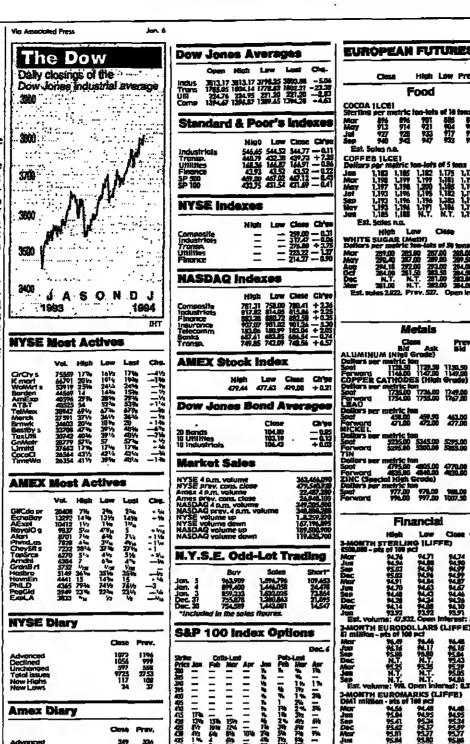
eager to take part in its rally. The dollar closed Thursday in New York at 1.7446 DM, up from 1.7400 DM at Wednesday's close. It

1,4797 francs and to 5.9250 French francs from 5.9055 francs, though it eased to 112.60 yen from 113.025 yen. The pound fell to \$1.4813 from \$1.4875.

Amy Smith, senior foreign-ex-change analyst for IDEA in New York, said recent data had shown the need for a rate cut in Germany to give the economy a lift. She predicted the mark would to weaken until the next Bundesbank central council meeting in two weeks.
"Paradoxically," she said, "when
the Bundesbank does finally cut rates, the mark should strengthen."

The dollar, meanwhile, retreated below the 112.90-yen level at which it was trading before Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said Wednesday that allowing the yen to weakwas oot an acceptable way out of recession for Japan.

Lisa Finstrom, an analyst at Smith Barney Shearson, said Mr. Bentsen's comment represented "a shot across the bow for the Japanese government." She said she believed the comment had been intended basically to make clear to them that the U.S. will not let them out of their pledges to open their domestic mar-kets and to boost growth."



Daewoo in Romania Venture

NASDAQ Diary

giant, is to pay \$156 million for a controlling stake in a venture with Romania's carmaker Oltcit SA, the Industry Ministry said Thursday. This is part of a major South Korean investment drive in the formerly

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Holiday Retail Sales a Mixed Bag WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — The biggest American retailers announced a hodgepodge of December sales figures Thursday, with some companies doing well while others eked out positive results for the Christmas season only after slashing prices.

Discount and department stores posted gains, while apparel retailers, hurt by consumer distate for current fashions, did poorly. But, bucking that tend 3.0. Because Companies consumer distate for current fashions, did poorly.

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that trend, J.C. Penney Co., which concentrates on apparel, did well by selling affordable clothes that people wanted.

The season showed how volatile retailing can be. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., considered the titan of industry, and Kmart Corp. said their sales were hint by their failing propheres stores. But once seasons Seasa Rochuck & Co. by their flailing warehouse stores. But once-sagging Sears, Roebuck & Co. continued its comeback, scoring sales a sales gain of 10.7 percent.

Salomon Brothers Inc.'s retail index, the investment from's barometer

of sales performance, rose 4.3 percent after a 2.9 percent gain in November. In December, 1992, the index rose 7.4 percent, reflecting the industry's first good Christmas in four years.

(AP. Bloomberg)

Hewlett to Buy 15% of Taligent

MENLO PARK, California (Combined Dispatches) — Hewlett-Packard Co. said it had agreed to buy a 15 percent stake in Taligent, the software venture between Apple Computer Inc. and International Busi-

ness Machines Corp.

Hewlett-Packard said that under the agreement it would use Taligent's products and technologies on its flagship HP-UX operating system. In addition, Taligent will license open-systems technologies from Hewlett. Financial terms of the agreement were not available.

Founded in 1992, Taligent is mainly an effort to prevent Microsoft Corp. from ruling the market for computer programs used by corporations, as it already does in personal-computer software. (AFX, NYT)

GM in Engine Venture With China

DETROIT (Reuters) — General Motors Corp. announced a \$30 million joint venture with the Chinese government Thursday to manufacmillion joint venture with the Chinese government Thursday to manufacture and sell automotive engine management systems in China.

Total investment in the venture, Beijing Wan Yuan-GM Automotive Electronic Control Co. Ltd., could reach \$120 million during subsequent phases, GM said. J.T. Battenberg, GM vice president, said the U.S. automaker would hold a 51 percent stake in the venture.

Beijing Wan Yuan Industry Corp., a China Aerospace Corp. unit that makes launching vehicles for space satellites, will have 39 percent. Beijing Economic Technology Investment Development Corp., controlled by the Beijing minicipal government, is to have a 10 percent stake.

Hope Seen for Consumer Electronics

LAS VEGAS (UPI) - The consumer electronics industry will see indexing the consumer electronics industry will see moderate growth of about 4.4 percent this year, to \$41.4 billion in sales, a trade group forecast Thursday. The industry's growth for 1993 was 6.3 percent, a sign that after two years, the U.S. economy has ended its malaise. "The mood is upbear because we have an economic recovery," said Jerry Kalov, chairman of the Electronics Industries Association, at the opening of the Winter Communication of the Electronics Industries Association, at the opening Kalov, chairman of the Electronics Industries Association, at the opening of the Winter Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. "The retailers that just had good Christmases are coming into the show eager to buy."

The trade group predicted that video products would post 3 percent growth this year, after an 8.6 percent increase last year. Andro products, up 5.3 percent last year, will increase by 4 percent this year and hone-information products will match their 7 percent growth rate of last year.

For the Record

California Federal Bank plans to sell its 43 Florida branches and its single Georgia branch and try to raise up to \$300 million through stock sales, refocusing on core California and Nevada operations.

(AP)

Dell Computer Corp.'s chief technology officer, G. Glenn Henry, joined MIPS Technologies as director of the PC division, MIPS announced Thursday, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. said Thursday that it had created a divi-

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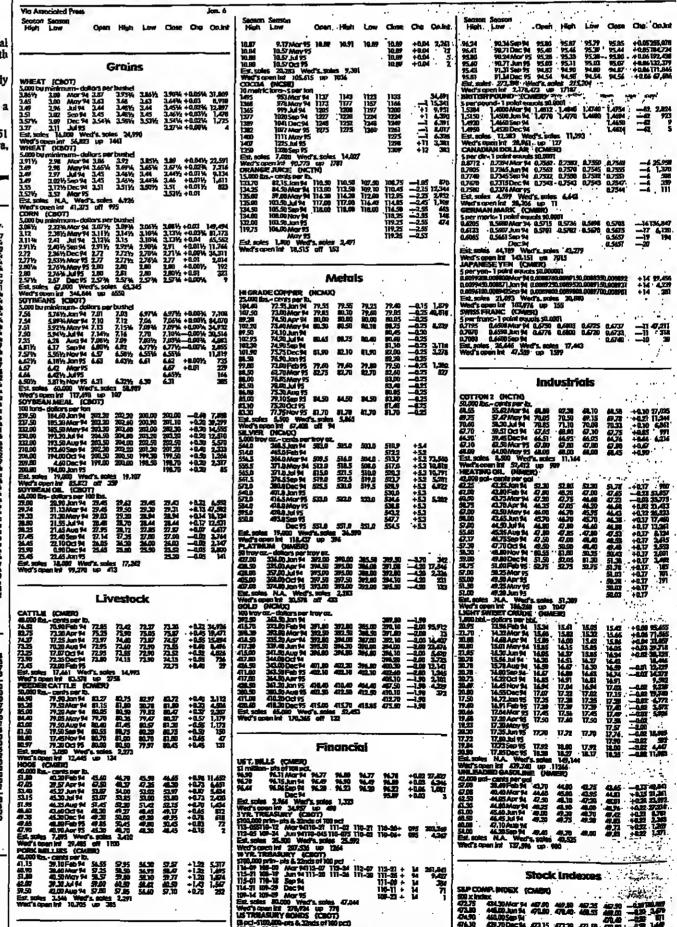
BUCHAREST - Daewoo Motor Co., the South Korean industrial

Communist country, Romanian officials said. ministry spokesman, Cornel Florea.

Under the deal, Daewoo will inject \$156 million and will hold 51 percent of the venture with Oltcit, a state-owned car factory in Cralova, 300 kilometers (190 miles) west of Bucharest, Mr. Florea said.

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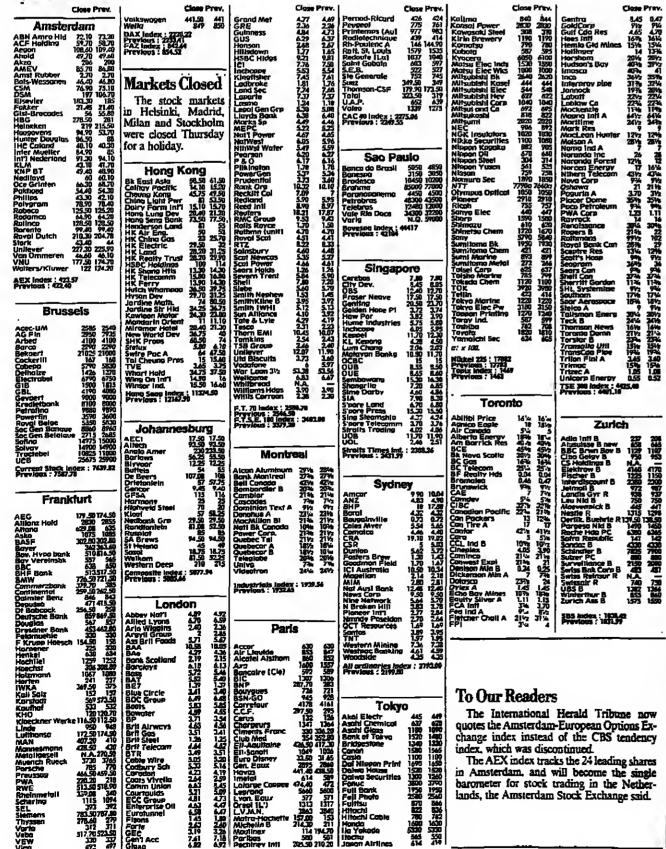
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A Tough Year, **But Airbus Sales** Up 14% Anyway

TOULOUSE, France - Airbus Industrie, the European civil aircraft maker, said its sales rose 14 percent, to \$8.3 billion, last year even as a wave of cancellations hit its order book.

In its review of the 1993 commercial aircraft market, which Airbus called "one of the most difficult on record," the company said it had booked orders for 38 aircraft, valued at \$3.5 billion. Airbus had said previously that it suffered 56 cancellations during the year.

Airbus Industrie is a partnership among Aerospatiale of France, Daimler-Benz AG's Deutsche Aerospace AG unit, British Aerospace PLC and Construcciones Aeronauticas SA of Spain,

The company delivered 138 planes in 1993, including 20 in December, its best month.

Airbus said demand began to increase toward the end of last year. but it did not predict a real recovery from 1993's "severely depressed" market.

Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp., the two other major deferred orders. Airlines sought to cut their financial obligations after three years of massive losses, by

delaying the purchase of new planes. Airbus said the weak market did not prevent its having one of the most active years ever in launching

In March 1993, Airbus's new four-engine widebody A-340 began service, and in late December the manufacturer delivered the first twin-jet widebody A-330 to Air Inter, the French domestic airline. Airbus also offered the singleaisle, 124-seat A-319, a small version of its A-320, and Air Inter said Thursday that it had placed an order

for nine A-319s for delivery between July 1996 and mid-1997. It has taken options to buy nine other craft. The aircraft maker said nearly two-thirds of the 38 orders it had booked last year were for the ex-

pensive widebody craft, a greater

proportion than in previous years. The new four-engine widebody A-340 did particularly well, with 15 orders placed by Virgin Atlantic Airways, Air Mauritius and China makers of large commercial aircraft, Aviation Supplies Corp.,

Banesto: Now Come the Questions Many Say Problems Could Have Been Found Earlier

By Jacques Neher

PARIS --- A week after the Bank of Spain scized control of Banco Español de Crédito and sacked its management to try to head off a run on deposits, financial specialists are asking why the central bank did not discover or act on Banesto's problems much earlier. More thorough inspections, they say, would have given investors a more accurate view of Banesto before they agreed to participate in a 93 billion peseta (\$645.3 million)

now may be worth little or nothing. While much of the attention in the case ha been focused on J.P. Morgan & Co., the American investment house that led the rights issue, and Price Waterhouse & Co., the bank's auditor, analysts say Spain's central bank and stock-market regulators may have misled investors when they approved the prospectus for the rights issue.

rights issue last summer - buying stock that

They also criticize regulators for not noticing, or not disclosing, that Banesto had purchased nearly 30 percent of its own stock. Spanish banks are not permitted to own more than 5 percent of their own shares.

Banesto, Spain's fourth-largest bank in terms of deposits, was taken over by the central bank Dec. 28, with authorities saying its balance sheet had deteriorated since last summer and that it needed at least 500 billion pesetas to get on a sound financial footing. Officials of the central bank could not be reached Thursday for further comment because of a holiday in Spain.

Critics of Spain's handling of the case acknowledge that the bank's finances could have worsened since summer; but they also say many of Banesto's problems existed long before the stock flotation and should have been detected by a bank examiner's audit earlier in 1993. The positive results of that audit were often cited by Banesto in presenta-

tions it made before the rights issue. "The prospectus approved by the Bank of

The prospectus indicated the bank's net worth was 400 billion pesetas; now we're told it's zero or less.

Keîth Baird, analyst, Kleinwort Benson Securities

Spain and the stock exchange gave audited figures indicating the bank's net worth was 400 hillion pesetas, hut now we're told it's zero or less," said Keith Baird, analyst with Kleinwort Benson Securities. "How could assets have been so overvalued? What on

Another London analyst, a former bank auditor, said the central bank had erred in the audit by looking only at Banesto's large loans, made mostly to blue-chip customers. "Common sense would have told you that different types of loans have different rates of

nonperformance," he said. "The big question is why the examiners only looked at the large loans without doing even a sampling of the smaller loans.

Such a sampling, he said, would have shown that the smaller loans were of much poorer quality and would require substantial dditional provisions against losses.

The central bank apparently relied on Price Waterhouse's auditors' assessment of the smaller loans until last autumn, when its examiners conducted a more thorough audit.

"There's a prima-facie case to ask why the loan portfolio overvaluation wasn't picked up by either the Bank of Spain or Price Water-house," he said. "There's a lot of people caught with their trousers down." Mr. Baird of Kleinwort Benson also ques-

tioned the central bank's tardiness in replacing Mario Conde and his management team only last week.

"If Conde wasn't fit, why has he been allowed to be president for the past five years?" he asked.

Mr. Conde, who has made no statement since his ouster, is expected hold a news conference next week to give his side of the story. An interim management has been put in place by the central bank and charged with

reordering Banesto's finances.

Meanwhile, investors, faced with the possibility of their holdings in Banesto being wiped out in an eventual recapitalization, are expected to sue for damages as soon as they can identify those at fault.

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Bayerische Motoren Werke AG's sales in the United States shot up 17.6 percent last year to 77,301 vehicles, the best showing of any European

 Nestié SA said the Polish government has approved its acquisition for \$43 million of a 47 percent stake in Goptana, a chocolate and candy producer in Poznan, with an option to increase its stake to 51 percent.

· Aer Risma, the state-backed company that runs the Irish Republic's main airports, said it has won the contract to provide duty-free shopping at both ends of the Channel Tunnel. The company already operates dutyfree facilities in Moscow, St. Petersburg, on the Finnish-Russian border, in Karachi and in Bahrain.

 Belgium's gross domestic product increased 0.4 percent in the third quarter of 1993 from second quarter, the second quarter in a row of growth. The central bank also revised its figure for growth in the second quarter to 1:1 percent from a previous estimate of 0.7 percent.

 France's finance minister, Edmond Alphandery, said that core share-holders will hold 10 percent of the capital of Elf Aquitaine after its privatization. He said that bids would be sought from core shareholders 8.5 percent of its shares, while the remaining 1.5 percent would be held by Union des Assurances de Paris.

Dixons Tumbles Into Loss

AFP-Extel Nems

LONDON — Dixons Group year. PLC announced a pretax loss Thursday of £196.7 million (\$292.8 million) for the half year ending Nov. 13, sending the electronics retailer's stock sharply lower.

The company had posted a profit of £14 million a year ago. Its stock fell 43 pence, or 15.2 percent, to

240 pence, in London trading.

sharply lower than in the previous It said that the profit fall in the

six-month reporting period was largely caused by a loss of £210.5 million linked to the sale of the Silo Holdings Inc. chain in the United States. Operating profit had risen by 3 percent, to £19.4 million, in the period.

Sales of television sets, videoca-Dixons said its operating profit sette players and audito systems for the full year, weakened hy stag-nant sales at Christmas, would he computer games fell,

IMF: Officials and Economists Are Split Over Strategy for Russian Aid

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Group of Seven leading industrial-Since last spring, the fMF has released only \$1.5 billion of a \$3 billion special loan program intended to help Russia make the transition to a market economy. The remaining funds are being held up because of Moscow's failure to cut Russia's inflation rate and carry out some promised economic

reforms The behind-the-scenes struggle has developed since last mouth, when Vice President Al Gore accused the IMF of being too strict in its conditions for loans to Russia.

The dehate pits the critics against the management of the IMF, which will send a delegation to Moscow about a week after Mr. Clinton's visit. At stake initially will be the second \$1.5 billion tranche of the special loans and. later, as much as \$4.1 billion of badly needed standby credits and \$6 billion of potential currency-

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An influential senior European

warned in an interview that the sia's loan eligibility.

IMF had been placing "too much "Governments want to use the IMF had been placing "too much emphasis on the traditional macroeconomic policy process." Mr. Corrigan said Russia faced "the danger of a major setback if more effective and timely aid is not

should express its economic targets for Russia in broader ranges and "build in an element of flexibility." Jeffrey D. Sachs, the outspoken Harvard professor who is an economic adviser to the Russian government, went even further, saying the IMF had "failed miserably" because it was "an international hu-

forthcoming." He said the IMF

York Fed president whom Mr. Clinton should admit they have Clinton named last year to chair done this wrong and work out new

gram, has views similar to those of central bank official, however, ar-Mr. Gore about the IMF's hangued against pressing the IMF to dling of loans for Russia. He deviate from the way it judges Rus-

> IMF because they don't want to give more bilateral money them-selves," the official said. "Let the governments shell out funds if they consider it politically urgent." The White House has made it

clear that Mr. Clintoo is not likely to hring fresh U.S. aid offers to Moscow. This is partly because of congressional resistance to going beyond the already approved \$2.5 billion of U.S. aid and the \$1.6 billion of food and other credits promised at last year's Clinton-Yeltsin summit meeting in Vancouver, Canada. reancracy that is very narrowly fo-

This week, in an unusual move Mr. Sachs suggested that instead that underscored its sensitivity to of asking the IMF to bandle large the criticism, the IMF and the loan programs for Russia, "the World Bank made available a five-froup of Seven and President page memo defending themselves.

Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, added that the organization had encouraged Russia "to take bold steps" to create a more effective social safety net, and he said it would intensify those

Reflecting the IMF's institutional mandate, Mr. Camdessus contended that it was necessary to help Russia take credible steps toward solving macroeconomic problems, stabilizing prices and stopping cap-At the heart of the dispute is the

question of whether the IMF should soften conditions for fresh loans to Russia. Last year, Moscow failed to receive more loans when it missed targets for reducing infla-tion and its budget deficits. The monthly inflation rate fell

from a peak of 26 percent in August to about 12 percent in December, but this was still above the target of single-digit inflation. Russia's budget delicit as a proportion of its gross domestic product was supposed to decline to 5 percent by

BUNDESBANK: Takes Blame year after having contracted 1.5 percent last year.

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in their populism and incapable of making unconventional decisions," he said at a party congress in Stutt-

The critical report coincided with a decision by the Bundes-bank's policy-setting Central Bank Council on Thursday to leave the henchmark discount rate unchanged, at 5.75 percent. The Bundesbank also said it would keep its most important market rate unchanged, at 6.0 percent, at least until Jan. 19, n day before its

next policy session. Heiner Flassbeck, the senior institute economist who presented the report, said the Bundesbank had kept German interest rates too high for too long. "Economic conditions in Germany are extremely precarious," he said, adding that the role of monetary policy in the malaise bad been underestimated.

The government and some independent economists have predicted that the German economy will expand as much as 1.5 percent this from Brussels.

budgets in an election year, ■ Belgium Cuts Key Rate Belgium's central bank cut its

But the institute, in unusually

clear language, said the chances the economy would get worse were "greater than the chances it will get

Mr. Tietmeyer waved aside the criticism. "The Bundesbank is only."

responsible for German monetary

policy," he said. Although the law

obligates the central bank to advise

the federal government on other

issues such as deficit spending and

taxation, "the decision is up to

He added that the government

appeared to be doing everything it

could to exercise fiscal responsibil-

ity despite the difficulty of cutting

them," he said.

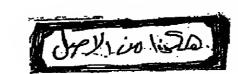
key central interest rate for moneymarket lending by 0.15 percentage point Thursday, to 7.10 percent, The Associated Press reported

NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.
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The projects will introduce technology for making carbon dioxide and other gases, plastics, polyester products, polypropylene film, fabrics and liquefied petroleum gases, chemical chairman and president, said.

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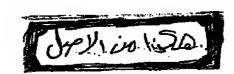
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estate developers in China face tax bills of as much as 90 percent of their profits on deals as a result of Beijing's new tax system, tax and real estate consultants in Hong

Kong said Thursday. Accountants in the British colony said the changes made by China at the start of 1994 might have been a deliberate attempt to clamp down on property speculation, which has been one of the reasons China's inflation is running at more than 20 percent a year.

Asahi and Itochu Purchase Control Of China Brewer

Agence France-Presse

TOKYO - Asahi Breweries Ltd. and Itochu Corp. announced Thursday the acquisition of a 75 percent stake in a Hong Kong company and plans to invest \$35 million in three of its breweries in China.

The companies said they bought the controlling stake in CSI Brewery Ltd., previously a wholly owned unit of China Strategic Investment Ltd., for an undisclosed sum. News re-

ports put the figure at \$20 million. China Strategic, a Hong Konglisted company whose major shareholders are Indonesia's Sanion Enterprises, Singapore businessman Oei Hong Leong and Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-Shing, originally ran the British colony's Ruby restaurant chain and now has dozens of property and manufacturing investments in China.

The acquisition, amounting to 45 percent for Asahi and 30 percent for Itochu, gives them management rights over two breweries in Zhejiang province.

in four years, said Thursday

that South Korea would slash

country's competitiveness.

Developers in Hong Kong, HONG KONG — Foreign real alarmed by the new system, plan to visit Beijing to seek concessions. China's real estate market surged last year as the country's economy

grew by 13 percent. Hong Kong developers and others were quick to snap up prime sites in the country's booming coastal provinces, and Hong Kong-based companies are the biggest foreign investors in Chinese real estate.

Formerly, developers selling land in China paid a 5 percent sales tax and a 33 percent company tax.

But under the new rules, net profits would first be subject to a graduated "real gains tax" of 30 percent to 60 percent, with the two previously existing taxes imposed on top of that.

H. K. Yue, a specialist on Chinese taxation at the accounting firm Price Waterbouse & Co., said: The big question is whether this tax is deductible for income-tax purposes. If not, then the total tax rates could amount 10 something like 93 percent."

Cheng Yu-tung, chairman of New World Development Co., was quoted in the Hong Kong Economic Journal as saying the new tax would burt investment in China.

Some analysts, however, pointed out that real estate speculation was one of Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongii's targets in an austerity drive appears to have faded out lately.

Maybe Zhu Rongji wants to put the brakes on China's economy at this stage, especially oroperty de-velopment," said Marshall Byres, ebairman of tax services for the accountants Ernst & Young in

He said representatives of Ernst & Young and of 14 major Hong Kong real estate developers would be among those visiting Beijing for talks on the new regulations,

China's New Tax Southeast Asian Stocks Defy Gravity

Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO - An explosion in stock-market prices across Southeast Asia has forced investors to reconsider traditional definitions of

cheap and expensive.

With key indexes last year rising from 59 percent in Singapore to 152 percent in the Philippines, historical valuations of stocks have gone out the window. Price-to-earnings ratios have soared as stocks have risen faster

than corporate earnings can keep pace.
"Some sectors are at absurd levels based on historical level of earnings," said Hans Black, chief executive officer of Interinvest Corp., the North American unit of HLB. Investment & Finanz AG of Zurich.

On Thursday, concern that prices have gone out of whack hit the Hong Kong stock market, where the Hang Seng index of 33 top issues plunged 793.43 points, or 6.52 percent, to 11.374.50. The carnage marked the Hang

Seng's second-biggest point decline ever.

"The market is very risky for foreign investors because you just don't know how much more cash is going to keep coming into the market," said Scott Huang, an investment strategist with Fidelity Investments (Taiwan)
Ltd. Fidelity manages the Taiwan Fund, which
is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.
The effect of a flood of new mutual fund

money in Southeast Asian markets worries some analysts, who say prices have risen into speculative territory that cannot be justified by the underlying strength of the companies, even given the region's dynamic growth prospects. Mr. Huang estimates that Taiwanese stocks are now trading about 40 times projected 1994 earnings, compared with 38.5 for the Dow Jones industrial average and 23 for

Agence France-Presse

an bourses is set to double, to \$4 billion, this year following the entry of foreign investors

and a growing interest abroad in its buoyant

capital markets, analysts said Thursday.

Foreign investors were allowed into India's sheltered bourses in September 1992, and

overseas brokerage houses were only recently

permitted to conduct correspondent business

Global public issues of blue-chip Indian companies last year also fetched a better

response than expected, according to brokers

for foreign clients.

BOMBAY - Foreign investment in Indi-

U.S. stocks. The plunge in Hong Kong illustrated the worry that a rally based primarily on new money will not last.

"The market is entirely liquidity-driven right now and there is less and less value to be found, especially among the property stocks," said Ravi Narain, research director at Peregrine Brokerage.

The average price-to-earnings ratio for the 33 shares in the Hang Seng index of top issues

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Scott Huang, Fidelity Investments (Taiwan).

has risen to 20.3 times forecast 1993 earnings from about 12.5 times a year ago, according to John Mulcahy, managing director at UBS

Securities Hong Kong.

The price-to-earnings ratio of the Hong Kong market has not been as high as this since just before the October 1987 collapse. which sent prices tumbling in the territory and in other major markets.

good with only some minor hiccups expected

after the budget and if the monsoon fails."

The agriculture sector's fortunes depend on

adequate rains during the monsoon season.

The capital inflow could rise by \$1 billion

if New Delhi allowed companies floating new

issues to place shares privately with the for-

eign institutional investors, Mr. Shah said.

The fund manager said that, worldwide,

the broader Standard & Poor's index of 500 now," Mr. Mulcahy said, "is that in the latter stages of the 1987 runup a lot of the action was in the real dross among the smaller company stocks, while this is currently very much a blue-chip market."

He said he expected the index to rise to the 14,000-to-14,500 range, about 15 percent more, before it suffers a major retreat, possibly of 2,000 points.

"We will have to reach around 20 times expected 1994 earnings before the jitters set in," he said. Currently the index companies are on about an average 17.5 times, he said.

Southeast Asian economies - and the companies within them -hold tremendous potential for growth. Even without China, real economic growth in the region is expected to rise 6.3 percent in 1994, according to Nomira Research Institute. That compares with just 1.1 percent real growth forecast for industrialized countries by the Organization for Eco-nomic Cooperation and Development.

The prospects for China make the picture even more attractive. With economic growth of 12 percent to 13 percent forecast for 1994. China is quickly becoming seen as a reason for investing in the region, rather than a risk.

"China as a whole is pulling the entire region along at a good clip," said Brian Seche, director of investments at Kenneth J. Gerbino & Co., a manager of \$80 million in assets, including \$15 million invested outside the U.S. "Twelve percent growth in China can pull other countries along."

But even where China isn't much of a factor, strong earnings growth could make today's stock values look cheap, some regional analysts said.

Foreign Investment in India Markets Poised to Grow

on the Bombay Stock Exchange, India's printhere was an inflow of money from fixedinterest instruments such as bonds into equi-ties because of low interest rates. "India will "Everybody is bullish on India," said Pra-vin Shah of Smith Newcourt, a global invest-ment firm. "The market will be generally get part of the overflow," be added.

At least \$4 billion will be invested in Indian markets by European, Japanese and American companies, predicted Ajit Dayal of Jardine Fleming India Securities.

Navinder Sahni of Marlin Partners U.K. said foreign investment would shift from the overpriced Australasian markets to India.

"The inflow in 1994 will easily surpass that of last year," Mr. Sahmi said.

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Very briefly:

• STAR Television Ltd. confirmed a published report that Gary Dave! would succeed Jim Griffiths as chief executive. The satellite broadcas: also said its audience in Asia had risen to around 20 million houseled its late last year from 11.2 million in February, despite restrictions imp. -- il by China on private ownership of satellite dishes.

• Japan set up an emergency task force to cope with rising uner it. ment. Its jobless rate of 2.8 percent, while one of the lowest in the world. is the highest level Japan has seen in almost six years.

• Mitsubishi Electric Corp.'s credit rating was lowered by Moor.

Investors Service: the move, which also applied to financing units in Britain and the United States, affected \$1.1 billion of long-term debt.

• Japan's television imports surged 92.4 percent in November. facts 471,000 units a year earlier; an industry group said the figure many Japan for the first time would be a net importer of television sets for the full year, as production has shifted to countries with lower costs.

• Tiber's first stock-trading center will open in mid-January in Ll. ... Xinhua news agency said, and will be linked by satellite to China's stock exchanges in Shenzhen and Shanghai.

• Taiwan's trade surplus last year narrowed 16.8 percent, to a nine) . 7 low of \$7.87 billion, as a result of the global economic slowdown and an import boom, the Finance Ministry said.

Vietnam will display products from more than 100 American companies at an exhibition in April, Vietnamerica Expo-94, the trade union newspa-

Jakarta Budget Cuts Oil Role

Seoul Opens Its Doors

Cumpiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SEOUL - President Kim cially into the development of Young Sam, hailing South Koinfrastructure," he said. rea's first annual trade surplus Mr. Kim said preliminary estimates pointed to a \$2 billion

current-account surplus in 1993.
The trade ministry reported red tape, shed inefficient state companies and try to stabilize wages in 1994 to strengthen the this week a customs-cleared trade deficit of \$1.36 billion in Mr. Kim put priority on a 1993 but officials said this was drive to strengthen the business climate following the conclubecause insurance and freight costs were added to imports. sion of the Uruguay Round of The trade surplus of \$2 billion. world trade talks. "Our doors after stripping such costs, com pares with a deficit of \$2.2 bilwill be opened wider to the in-

tion in 1992. (AFP, Reuters)

JAKARTA - President Suharto on Thursday unveiled a draft budget for 1994-95 that increases duced role for the energy industry.

get to parliament, said it balanced revenue and spending at 69,749 biltrade surplus and a \$200 million lion rupiah (\$33.02 billion). Sectors other than oil and gas are expected to account for a bigger share of the increase than the energy sector in the year beginning in April. Those sectors are projected to contribute 46,885 billion rupiah,

an increase of 26.9 percent. Oil and gas were expected to contribute 12,851 billion rupiah. which would be 18.4 percent of the

Mr. Suharto, presenting the bud-

percent in the current fiscal year. "We can no longer rely on revo-oues from oil and gas," Mr. Su-barto said. But although depenspending by more than 9 percent in dence on energy exports would be dollar terms but envisions a re-reduced. Indonesia — which is a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would continue to receive a major

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exchange earnings from oil over the oext five years, he said. Mr. Subarto said the 1994-95 budget figures assumed an average oil price of \$16 a barrel, compared with \$17 in the current budget. Market prices recently, bowever, bave been \$14 to \$15.

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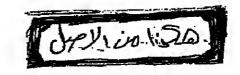
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SPORTS

Hostetler's Next Task: Lead Raiders Past Broncos (Again)

By Tom Friend
New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Jeff Hostetler has been more stuntman than quarterback. He has fixed flat tires, fixed a flat Los Angeles Raiders offense and has done so with screws loose in both knees. "Hopefully, I won't make any trips to the side-lines this week," Hostetler said. On Sunday against Denver, be will start his first

playoff game since the 1991 Super Bowl — "Seems like I was a Giant a million years ago," Hostetler said — and he has what an amateur doctor would call a body sprain. It is his own fault for loitering so long in the pocket, but, on the other hand, it takes time for Tim Brown, the wide receiver who is beaded for the Pro Bowl, to evade triple coverage.

"Maybe he should throw to someone else,"

If anything, it proves Al Davis and Ray Handley are on the same wavelength: They both be-lieved in Hostetler. Handley's replacement in New York, Dan Reeves, chose Phil Simms over Hos-

tetler, but Davis, the Raider owner, picked Hos-tetler last winter over Bobby Hebert, Jim Harbaugh, Don Majkowski and Boomer Esiason. The normally frugal Davis then signed him to a three-

year, \$7.6 million contract. "Jeff's earned every cent," defensive tackle Howie Long said.

For Hostetler, it is harder to name what doesn't hurt. He has injured both knees, kept aggravating a sprained right ankle, jammed his throwing shoul-der, bruised his ribs, absorbed a concussion in a Green Bay chill — and missed only one game.

This guy has taken hits a normal man wouldn't be able to get off the ground from," said the Raiders coach, Art Shell. "You wouldn't be able They should have known from his first bour on

the job. The offense coach, Mike White, and a team intern drove him to get a physical, and their car had a flat tire on the freeway.

"The kid driving didn't know what he was doing." White said. "We're in the middle of the 405

freeway, and Jeff jumps out of the car and basically changes the tire. He had some skill there, too." The first people Hostetler ran into at training camp were Raider defensive linemen, who, by

instinct, are skeptical of quarterbacks.
"I mean, it's the first day," said Greg Townsend, a defeasive end. "Several of us were lifting weights, and Hostetler actually joined in. He didn't know anybody, and he lifted with us. First day! You

Eventually, the defensive linemen sent him here he belonged - to the offense. The previous Raider quarterbacks had been Todd Marinovich,

who surfed nude, and the erratic Jay Schroeder. Neither had been overly popular. Hostetler, as a result, had to blend in, and the emen adored him as soon as he brought a deck of cards to the locker room.

"He wasn't a typical quarterback, with a big ego or aloof," said Steve Wisniewski, a Pro Bowl

Hostetler contributed on and off the field. First.

he set the Raider record for most yards thrown in a game (424 against San Diego in October). Then, when Greg Robinson, the starting halfback, went down four games ago with a knee injury, he became their leading active rusher (202 yards and five touchdowns on 55 scrambles). And then he set the Raider provided for most practical inher in a case on

Raider record for most practical jokes in a season.

"Bill Meyers, our offensive line coach, and I got dressed after a game and went home," Wisniewski said. "And when we took our shoes off, our feet were all blue like we'd stepped in paint. Hoss had put a clear dye in our shoes that, when it blended in with our feet, turned blue,"

Simple soap and water did not remove the dye, and Wisniewski vowed revenge.

Took about two weeks and about 45 minutes of

scrubbing, and the blue was still there," he said.
"Oh, well, keeps everybody on their toes," said Hostetler, who also put hot balm in Long's under-wear. "And a lot of times it takes some of the

tenseness out of the locker room."

"It was me," said Don Mosebar, the center. "He

looked around and grabbed my clothes."

Hostetler left the stadium that day barefout, wearing baggy sweat pants and an oversized shirt.
"Well, be instigated it," Wisniewski said.

Hostetler's best practical joke may have been getting the Raiders (10-6) to the playoffs after going 7-9 last season. A loss last Sunday to Denver would have eliminated them, and they trailed the Broncos by 30-13 with 25 minutes to go.

Talk about staying in the pocket until the last possible second: Hosteder's touchdown pass with one second left tied the game, 30-30, and the Raiders eventually won in overtime. He instigated this one, too.

gap to 98-94 with 1:35 to play. But

they could come no closer.

Magic 105, Bulls 90: Orlando handed visiting Chicago just its third loss in 18 games behind Anfernee Hardaway's 20 points, 10 assists and four steals and Sharallo Chicago 18 country and 12

quille O'Neal's 28 points and 12

Timberwolves 109, Nuggets 95:

Minnesota snapped a seven-game losing streak as Michael Williams

and Luc Longley sparked a 15-2 third-quarter run after Issiah Rider

keem Olajuwon scored 15 of his 37 points during a 28-14 second-quar-ter surge and also had 14 rebounds

as Houston extended Dallas's

NBA-record home winless streak

Fiery Wildcats Give Purdue a Scare

The Associated Press

Glenn Robinson had praise heaped upon bim once again. Northwestern heard good things for the first time in a long while.

Robinson, considered the best player in the Big Ten, had 34 points, including the game-winning jumper with nine seconds to play,

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to lead No. 10 Purdue to a 68-67 victory over Northwestern, the conference doormat for years.

"Basically, it came down to a superstar as good as advertised," said the Wildcats' coach, Ricky Byrdsong. There were a couple of areas of the game we could have controlled better — rebounding

Jordan on Deck At Comiskey? Chisox Say No

CHICAGO - Micbael Jordan bas been in a batting cage at Comiskey Park, but no, that does not mean the retired Chicago Bulls superstar wants a tryout with the Chicago White Sox, officials of the major league baseball club said.

'Sure, he's been here." the White Sox general manager, Ron Schueler, said Wednesday of the former National Basketball Association star. "He's been taking some swings and playing catch. Basically, he's got three or four hours a day with nothing to do, so he's coming in here and working

about spring training. The Chicago Sun-Times quoted an unidentified source as saying Jordan, 30, was seriously considering reporting to the White Sox preseason training camp in Sarasota, Florida,

when it opens Feb. 16.

Jordan's only previous experience playing baseball was and turnovers -- but you can't con-

Robinson, beld scoreless for the first 7½ minutes as Purdue fell behind 22-9, never took Northwestern for granted. After all, the Wildcats entered the game unbeaten and had beaten the Boilermakers last season to snap a 60-game road losing streak in the conference.

"We didn't take them lightly." said Robinson, who also had 14 re-bounds and two blocks. They beat us last year and everybody laughed at us. They are going to be laughing a lot at other teams this year.

That is the kind of thing not heard in the Big Ten for many years, but the Wildcats won their first nine games and bave looked solid during preconference play.

A 3-pointer by Robinson gave
Purdue (12-0) a 66-61 lead, But Pat Baldwin scored three straight times to give the Wildcats a 67-66 lead

with 40 seconds remaining. Robinson then hit a 10-foot (3meter) jumper with three defenders in his face for the win.

No. 1 Arkansas 87, Mississippi 61: The Razorbacks (10-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) used a 20-0 run to set the defensive tone and cruised again at home as Corliss Williamson had 25 points. Mississippi (5-4, 0-1) had 20 turnovers

No. 2 North Carolina 88, North Carolina St. 58: The Tar Heels 111-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their ninth straight and have defeated the Wolfpack (4-7, 0-1) by an average of 36 points over the last

No. 3 Duke 71, Clemson 65: The Blue Devils (8-0) opened ACC play with a victory for the seventh straight year as Grant Hill scored 22 points and Clemson 16-4, 0-1) was held to two free throws over the final three minutes by visiting Duke.

No. 5 Kansas 90, N.C.-Asheville 44: Steve Woodberry had 16 points to lead the Jayhawks (14-1) to their 10th straight victory. The Bulldogs (2-6) went 10 minutes without a basket early in the second balf and lost their 20th straight road game. No. 9 Arizona 98, Arizona St. 81:

Guards Damon Stoudamire and Khalid Reeves had 30 and 24 points, respectively, as the Wild-



Chris Corchiani fouled Terrell Brandon, but the Celtics ended the Cavs home winning streak at five.

cats (11-1) opened defense of their Pac-10 title by dominating the

boards 59-33 against visiting Arizo-na State (5-4, 0-1).

No. 13 Michigan 75, Michigan St. 64: Jalen Rose had 22 points and Juwan Howard added 17 as the Wolverines (9-2, 1-0 Big Ten) beat the visiting Spartans (9-4, 0-1) for the fourth straight time.

No. 17 Cincinnati 103, Chicago St. 49: LaZelle Durden had 33 points and matched his school record with eight 3-pointers as the Bearcats (11-2) erushed the Cou-gars (1-12) for the second straight year. Chicago State made the trip without its three leading scorers, who were suspended for breaking

No. 25 Marquette 79. Merap St. 67: Damon Key had 18 points and Rony Eford added 16 as the Warriors (8-3, 1-0 Great Midwest) bounced back from a loss to Wis-consin on Sunday. Marquette took control early by making eight of its first 14 shots. The visiting Tigers (5-5. 0-1) never got eloser than 10 points in the second half.

Suns Strike Early To Swamp the Jazz

The Associated Press Walt Williams's 3-pointer with
The Phoenix Suns had two reaons to worry about traveling to lowed with a 20-9 rm, closing the sons to worry about traveling to Salt Lake City to play Utah. For one, the Jazz took a 10-game home winning streak into the game and had a 13-2 record at the Delta Center. For another, the Suns were

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playing without point guard Kevin

Johnson, who was injured the night before in a loss at Seartle. Phoenix did not have to worry for long, however. In the first peri-

od, it outscored Utah, 40-16, and then went on to a 107-91 victory

winiams finished with 22 points and 10 come out and score 40 points in the first quarter on them," said the Suns' coach, Paul Westphal, whose team shot 60 percent in the said the said to see team shot 60 percent in the first period to Utah's 29 percent. "They had a nice comeback Sunday night against Portland and we were leery of their ability to do that."
A 30-7 run in the last 7:22 of the

first quarter, led by A. C. Green with 9 points, put the Suns in control. Green scored 15 of his 19 points in the first period.

Dan Majerle scored 25 points.

including 6-for-8 from 3-point range, while Charles Barkley had 23 points and 11 rebounds,

SuperSonics 106, Clippers 98: Shawn Kemp had 22 points and tied a season high with 15 rebounds as Seattle won its fourth straight game and improved to 11-2 on the road and 24-3 overall. Los Angeles has dropped seven of nine games.

Danny Manning, the Clippers' leading scorer this season, ned a season high with 15 rebounds. He ended with 18 points, despite making only two of his first 13 shots.

Manning had 13 points in less quarter after Seattle built a 14point lead with 7:41 to play, But his

belated effort brought Los Angeles only seven points closer. Kings 106, Lakers 98: Sacrame to won for the fourth time in five games, defeating Los Angeles de-spite blowing most of a 15-point

lead in the fourth quarter. Mitch Richmond secred 23 points for the Kings, who led 89-74, their largest margin of the game, on

Cowboys Stop Talks With Skins

ASHBURN, Virginia — The Washington Redskins will not be meeting with the Dallas Cowboys' offensive coordinator, Norv Turner, this weekend to discuss hiring him to succeed Richie Petitbon as head coach as they had hoped.

The Cowboys owner, Jerry Jones, had sanctioned the meeting, which Redskins officials and Turner, 41, then arranged.

But late Wednesday, Jones said Turner would not be allowed to have the interview with the Redskins while the Cowboys are still in the playoffs. The Cowboys play an NFC divisional playoff game in Dallas on Jan. 16.

"The interview is not going to happen this weekend," Charlie Dayton, a Redskins spokesman said late Wednesday. "It's being

put off until after the playoffs." The Redskins had invited Turner to fly to Washington after the Cow-boys' last practice of the week.

In granting the Redskins permission Tuesday to interview his assistant coach, Jones said he that did not want to stand in the way of

the Atlanta Falcons' coaching job.

. Ryan, now the defensive coordi nator of the Houston Oilers, told the Houston Chronicle: "Td like to talk to anybody who has a head coaching job available. Maybe we can win the Super Bowl and somebody will be interested in me."

Many NFL observers say Ryan probably ruined his chances of gaining another head coaching post when he punched the Oilers' offensive coordinator, Kevin Gilbride, on national television Sunday night during a 24-0 victory over the New

Coleman Is Traded by Mets To Royals for McReynolds

The New York Mets, discarding remnants of the worful 1993 season like so many bad memories, ended the failed experiment that was Vince Coleman by trading the outfielder to the Kansas City Royals. In return, the Mets reacquired another enigmatic outlieder, Kevin McReynolds, who roamed Shea Stadium for five years before being traded to the Royals in the Bret Saberhagen deal in 1991.

The Mets' general manager, Joe McHvaine, said the team had had precious few options when it came to moving Coleman.

We, as an organization, feel we need to put the Coleman situation behind us and we got value in Kevin really where there was no value because Vince was not going to play for the ball club this year," he said. There was little value to be had for Coleman for two reasons.

First, all of baseball knew that McIlvaine had a mandate from ownership to see to it that Coleman never donned a Mets uniform again, thus giving the Mets little leverage, Second, most clubs were scared off by Coleman's recent troubles off the field, chief of which was a firecracker-throwing incident in July that resulted in a misde-

meanor conviction for possession of an explosive device.

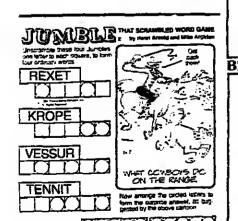
Only two clubs expressed interest in signing Coleman, but only if
the Mets swallowed his \$3 million 1994 contract and released him.

The Royals were the only team interested in talking trade.

The deal was agreed upon three days ago, but both teams were given a 48-hour grace period before finalization by the commissioner's office. The final agreement came Wednesday.

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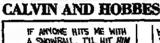








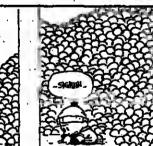


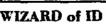














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Unseeded Germans To Meet Czechs In Hopman Final

The Associated Press

PERTH. Australia - Anke Huber and Bernd Karbacher won their singles matches Thursday, moving defending champion Germany into the final of the Hopman Cup with a victory over Austria. Huber recovered from a second-

set slump to beat Indith Wiesner, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 and Karbacher defeated Alex Antonitsch, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2. The unseeded German pair beat Antonitsch and Wiesner, 8-4, in the mixed doubles pro set to complete

Germany plays the Czech Republic for the title Friday night.
Huber and Karbacher replaced
the champion pair of Michael Stick
and Steffi Graf as the German representatives and scored victories over South Africa, the United States and Austria on their way to

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Huber and Karbacher are both 3-0 in singles matches.
"When I saw the draw, I certainly didn't expect that we would make the final," Karbacher said.

19-year-old German, ranked 10th in the world, won the last four games after the players were locked at 2-2 in the final set. Haber scaled her victory with a backhand drop shot on her third match point.

"Anke played some of her best-tennis and put me under a lot of pressure," Wiesner said. "I was too Karbacher, ranked 54th in the

world, was deep in trouble in the first set before recovering. Automisch led 5-2 and had four set points. in the eighth game before Kur-bacher recovered his composure.

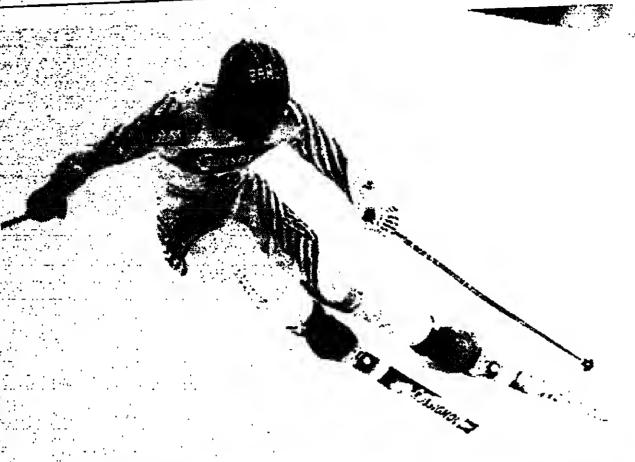
Like Huber, Karbacher won the final four games of his match.
"It is easy if you always go into
your singles 1-0 up," he said. "It is
nice to know that even if you lose your singles there is another

Against Ivan Lendl in the quar-terfinals, Karbacher hit every ball "When I saw the draw, I certainy didn't expect that we would
nake the final," Karbacher said.
Huber closed out her match with

The same and the pace.

I was waiting for boom-boom
from him and it didn't happen," Wiesner in impressive style. The Antonitsch said.

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Ed Podivinsky speeding down the shortened course Thursday in Saalbach, Austria, the first Canadian downhill victor since 1989. Wiberg Storms Back

A Downhill 1-2 For Canadians

Compiled by Ose Staff From Disposition SAALBACH, Austria - Ed Po- ers for the second heat.

civinsky became the first Canadian nearly five years on Thursday, rallying from 15th after the first run to at 2:10.42. edge his compatriot Cary Mullen

Podivinsky finished with an ag-gregate time of two minutes, 9.83 seconds for two runs on an ity, fast course, beating Muilen — the first-run leader — by 28 hundredths of a

The two-run downhill sprint was used for only the second time in men's World Cup history, ine other time coming nn Jan. 20, 1990 whea Atle Skaardal of Norway won at Kitzbühel, Austria.

poor weather conditions do not allow the traditional single iong run. Sudden high winds on the Saalbach course forced judges to switch

plans in the shorter sprints.
On Thursday, Skaardal, 14th after the first run, started first on the second run and skied a 1:04.71 to take third place with a 2:10.30 total. Marc Girardelli, the defending World Cup overall champion, was fourth in 2:10.41.

Less than six-tenths of a second separated the top 30 skiers in the

mistakes in the steep part but, like

Wiberg trailed Chauvet by 1.64

seconds after the morning run. But

then she blazed a time of 55.29 in the seeand run, better than

Schneider's 56.12 and Chauvet's

Italy's Deborah Campagnani,

winner of Wednesday's giant sla-

lom on the same course, produced

her best slalnm performance of the

The next women's races are a

season, finishing fourth.

it looked, it was really good,"

Ralph Socher of Canada, fourth to win a World Cup downhill in after the first heat, shared fifth

Norway's Kietil-Andre Aamodt finished in 2:10.81 for 10th place and the overall World Cup lead with 505 points, 12 ahead of Austria's Gunther Mader.

Mader finished only 23d Thursday in a disappointing day for the Austrians, whose best finish was that of the the Olympic downhill champion, Patrick Ordieb, whn was seventh.

The victory was the first by a Canadian since Rob Boyd on Feb. 25, 1989, at Whistler Mountain, British Columbia, and recalled memories of a decade ago when the Canadian downhillers Ken Read. Dave Irwin, Steve Podborski and Dave Murray were known as the "Crazy Canucks."

Boyd was 26th on Thursday as six Canadians finished in the top

"It's crazy, I'm really amazed," said Podivinsky, 23, who had never finished higher than 11th in a

World Cup race. He attributed his blistering second run to complete relaxation and

knowledge that Canada had the lead with Mullen. "I was so excited when I heard that Cary was leading in the second leg that I lost any nervousness and

just went down as fast as I could," MORZINE, France — Pernilla yesterday. In the second 1 really gave double, 1 thought 1 made some Entering the 1993-94 season, Po divinsky was ranked 47th in the world in downhill, and Mullen was

23d and Socher 36th. On Thursday, the course measured 1,515 meters (1,651 yards) with a vertical drop of 485 meters,

compared with the original length of 3,250 meters with a vertical drop nf 920 meters.

The top 15 in the first leg started in reversed order in the second leg. Aamodt said the split downhill had not been to his liking, but was secund, just .04 back at 1:49.43, and Chauvet dropped to third, at 1:49.47.

Wiberg, the Olympic giant slabor champion, was delighted with her victory. Skaardal said he felt well suited for such an event. He said, however, that he opposed introducing them on a permanent basis.

"Its very exciting and attractive for the spectators, but I think a downbill must be long and tough so super-G and slalom in Altenmarkt, and Sunday. that we can really prove what is in us," Skaardal said. (AP, Reuters) Austria, on Saturday and Sunday.

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No Knee Surgery Needed for Hurley
SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — Bobby Hurley, the Sacramento Kings' injured guard, won't need reconstructive surgery on his right knee after all, his doctors said.

Hurley received the word Wednesday after he underwent successful minor surgery on a fractured left clavicle, one of an array of injuries he sustained Dec. 12 in a serious traffic accident. Hurley, 22, also suffered a

sustained Dec. 12 in a serious traine accident. Hurley, 22, also suffered a near-fatal detached trachea, collapsed lungs and other fractures. The driver of the other car suffered a broken leg.

The Kings' doctors said last month that Hurley would require reconstructive surgery on the knee and months of recuperation before he could return to the National Basketball Association. But on Wednesday, declared University Medical Contracted the long would heal on its comdoctors at University Medical Center said the knee would heal on its own. He is expected to be discharged from the hospital Thursday.

Tapie Seeks Formal Bribe Inquiry

PARIS (Combined Dispatches) — The French entrepreneur-politician Bernard Tapie has asked magistrates to formally place him under investigation in connection with a soccer corruption inquiry, according to

The attorney, Francis Debacker, said Tapie, president of the Olympique Marseille soccer club and a minister in the former Socialist government, had made the request to magistrates leading the inquiry "in order to put a halt to slander and rumors." Tapie's club is under investigation to put a pileral attende by other officials to bribe an opposing team. over an alleged attempt by chib officials to bribe an opposing team.

Also Wednesday, French prosecutors asked the National Assembly for

permission to take new action against Tapie, including his possible arrest. An assembly panel that handles matters out of session is to consider the request on Monday.

Argentina in May.

Zhong Weiyue of China set her second short-course world record finishin as many days Thursday, finishing the 50-meter butterfly in 26.44 seconds at the World Cup tournament in Beijing. She set a record of 58.71 seconds Wednesday in the

100-meter butterfly. The Houston Oilers' player Jeff Alm was legally drunk when he committed suicide after his best friend was killed in a car crash, officials said. The drug Fiorinal, a commonly prescribed muscle relaxant, was also found in his blood.

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OBSERVER

The New Superhighway

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — The promises being made for the "information superhighway" are reminiscent of the oversell of atomic energy in the late 1940s.

With the atom's energy, we were told, it would cost only two or three cents to pay the monthly electricity bill. A few pennies' worth of atomic energy would power the Queen Mary across the Atlantic, making luxury travel available 10 millions.

To find how it came out, glance at your last electricity bill. Ask a travel agent to book you on the Queen Mary for the luxurious fiveday voyage to Southampton. You'll take the wretched overnight flight to Heathrow and like it, wise guy. What's more, you'd be ill advised to annoy the atomic-energy wizards

by asking what ever happened to the miracle of incredibly cheap travel.

The oversell on the "information superhighway" exploits the same public gullibility that true atomicenergy believers exploited decades ago. It's a gullibility that flows from a touchingly credulous eager-ness to believe that new miracle ages are constantly lurking just around the corner.

Even the most pooderous oewspaper reporting on the "informa-tion superhighway" breathes hints

of a new age of magic soon to flow out of fiber-optic wire. The papers suggest the individual will never again have to leave the house, or the car, or whatever cocoon he chooses to inhabit. With a computer he will be able to sit tight and move happily through the universe, communicating and playing games and "interacting" with both the arts and the schlock, and watching movies or hundreds of TV channels that provide gossip and game shows and instruction in calculus and woodworking, while phoning up Burundi or Osaka or the corner deli for fast-food delivery.

The point of the miracle seems to be that humanity will oever again have to go out on real superhighways, or even mere highways, or even byways or sidewalks. You settle down on your liber-optic wires and cruise the "information superhighway" to total communication.

I am making it sound singularly nightmarish and silly, which is un-

fair because there will probably be some real advantages to be had from the thing. What advantages these might be I can't guess, any more than I could have guessed in 1946 that atomic power might someday enrich our poorer states with federal money for letting their land be used

as dump sites for radioactive waste. I have seen it said, for example, that a person oo the "information superhighway" will, while driving home from work, be able to tell his kitchen oven to start cooking the roast. This is as much progress as anybody ought to expect of a new technological miracle, and I ap-plaud it, though not as joyously as I would applaud a low-priced Atlan-tic crossing on an atomic-powered huxury liner.

Nobody is talking much about what it will cost a customer to get on the new superhighway. This is probably because nobody has the faintest notion about costs. It's at this stage — when enthusiasm, vi-sion and dreams of big killings prevent everybody from thinking much about real money — that the oversell of new technological mir-

acles tends to be fiercest. Television, which was the most commercially successful technological miracle since the automobile, quickly became so vital to Americans that people who couldn't even afford shoes bought sets in the milhons. Automobiles still sell robustly though the cost of the average car would have bought one of the best houses in the neighborhood 40 years ago, back when we were dreaming of the atomic miracle taking us to Eu-

The question is whether we will be as desperate for total communication as we once were for television and still are for wheels. The financial types who play Wall Street Monopoly For Big Boys seem to be betting that we will, or else what's all the merging, acquir-ing and hostile takeovering about in the communications world?

Personally, while I wouldn't mind being able to get in touch with my oven while sitting in my car I'd rather put the money into a new car. Pay no attention to this mossback kill-joy, however, I'm still sulking about the attention to the story flow. the atomic-energy flop.

New York Times Service

From a Child's Pen, A Sarajevo War Diary

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

PARIS — For two years, through the steady destruction of Sarajevo, the endless food shortages, the deaths of friends and the constant atmosphere of fear, Zlata Filipovic, now 13, kept a diary that recorded the life and feelings of a young girl trapped in a war she could not

At times, she imagined the war would never end. "If things go on like this, I'll be 20 in a few years time," she wrote. "If it turns out to be another

'Lebanon,' as they keep saying, I'll be 30. Gone will be my childhood. Gone my youth. Gone my life. And I'll die and this war still won't be

Yet two weeks ago, thanks to her diary. Miss Filipovic and her parents were evacuated

by the French authorities from Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

And now, still surprised to find herself in the safety of Paris, the teenager is sud-denly confronted with the fact that she has become an overnight literary sensation.

"The Diary of Zlata Filipovic," published here three weeks ago, went immediately to the top of France's nonfiction best-seller list. There are 50,000 copies in print in France, and rights to the book have been sold in nine other countries and are under negotiation in the United States.

The diary's success suggests that even in a world oumbed by television images of daily atrocities in Sarajevo, in a Western Europe racked by guilt over its failure to halt the 21-month-old conflict in Bosnia-

Herzegovina, the voice of an innocent child still carries special weight.

The French publisher Editions Robert Laffont/Fixot, which owns the foreign rights to the book, has predictably proclaimed Miss Filipovic to be the Bosnian war's version of Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who for 25 months kept a diary while in hiding from German troops in Amsterdam during World War II.

And as it happens, the Bosnian girl had read Anne Frank's diary before Sarajevo was engulfed by war and, like Anne Frank, she addressed her thoughts and fears to an imaginary friend, Mimmy, More than once she hoped she would not suffer the same fate as Anne Frank, who died in a Nazi death camp at the age of 15.

"In a way, we were in the same posi-tion," Miss Filipovic said in an interview Tuesday. "In a war, writing a diary, lonely, can't go outside, losing our childhood. The difference is she was in an attic and I was in a cellar. It's crazy what happened to her.

It's crazy to think it could happen again." Sitting on a sofa at her publisher's offices, speaking in accented but fluent English, she seemed older, more mature, than her years would suggest. Above all, she appeared intent on using

her new fame to draw attention to the plight of the 70,000 or age of 15 who are still in Sarajevo. "When peo-ple read my book, when The writer records almost nightly trips to they see me on televishelters, days without sion, they may help the children of Sarajevo belight, water or gas.

> to say to people: 'Stop! You live normal lives. Please help the children of Sarajevo. If you forget, it will be the end."
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> What Miss Filipovic has no time for is

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politics. In her diary and again in person, she poured scorn on all politicians. "It's a war between idiots, not between Serbs and Croats and Muslims. They're crazy. Even when they're signing a cease-fire, we could hear the boom of shells landing."

"Those 'kids' are playing around with us," she wrote on May 4, 1993, using the nickname she gave Bosnia's politicians. "Ordinary people don't want this division because it won't make anyone happy, not the Serbs, oot the Croats, not the Muslims. But who asks ordinary people? Politics only asks its own people."

Significantly, even though she was writ-ing about an ethnic war fought against a religious background, the diary makes to reference to religion. Miss Filipovic her-self is of mainly Croat descent, but she insisted her family was mixed and not at all devout. "When the family began to mix many years ago, they stopped believing in God."

Much of ber diary is given over to the incidents of daily life; from almost nightly trips to bomb shelters, days without light, water or gas and the scramble to find food to the small pleasures of reading or resum-ing her piano lessons or braving snipers to visit her grandparents.

But tragedy is also constantly present.
On May 7, 1992, Miss Filipovic's i 1-yearold friend Nina is killed by a shell. "We

Trench photographer brought a copy of



Zlata Filipovic in Sarajevo: "Til die and this war still won't be over."

went to kindergarten together and we used to play together in the park," she wrote. "A disgusting war has destroyed a young child's life."

Only occasionally does she sound desperate. "Oh Minumy, I can't take it any more," she wrote on June 1, 1993. "There's more," she wrote on June 1, 1993. "There's a growing possibility of my killing myself if all these morons up there and down here don't kill me first. I'm losing it. I want to scream. Bang my fists! Kill. I'm human too, you know. I can only take so much, Ooohh! I'm so sick of it all!"

Looking back, she said she never really contemplated suicide. "I think I was crazy that day," she said with a slightly embarrassed smile. In fact, she went on, most neonle srew accustomed to the hombing

people grew accustomed to the bombing and suffering. "When you got used to things, it was easier, but some people did commit suicide."

"There was a woman in our neighborhood who was very tidy, always cleaning all day," she recounted. "When the war came, there was oo soap or detergent and things are dirty and she goes crazy. She tries to leave and waited day after day for a convoy. One day, it was too much for her. She hanged herself."

The existence of her diary became known when part of it was published last

the diary to Paris, and she returned to Sarajevo with an offer from Editions Robert Laffont/Fixot to publish it.

The understanding, though, was that the publisher would help the Filipovic family - Zlata is an only child - to escape Sarajevo. And this proved difficult; French authorities were finally persuaded to fly the

three of them out on a military aircraft to the Italian air base of Ancona. From there, a French government plane brought them to Paris on Dec. 23. In the coming weeks, Miss Filipovic is to travel to Germany, the Netherlands and Italy to publicize her diary and more trips

may follow. Later, the family hopes to ettle in Slovenia. And, in the meantime, both the young diarist and Editions Robert Laffont/Fixot

say they will contribute some royalties to charities that are helping Sarajevo's chil-Susanna Lea, the publisher's foreign-rights director, said she was confident that the diary was written solely by the Bosnian

girl and noted that it was published in the form in which it was received. Miss Filipovic, however, confessed to a little censorship of her own. "I took two or three dates out because of little secrets, she said shyly. "They're interesting, but they're mine. I still have the pages and, no, I'm not going to tell you what they say."

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

Heidi Fleiss says she never named names. Vanity Fair quotes the Holnames. Vamity Fair quotes the Hollywood madam as saying that the
actor Charlie Sheen and the producer Joh Peters were among those
who hired \$1,500-a-night prostitimes. But speaking to a TV crew
through the intercom of her Los
Angeles house, Fleiss denied quotes
attributed to her and told a Chicago
radio station "I don't talk that were radio station, "I don't talk that way, especially about other people." A publicist said the magazine stood by the story, by Lynn Hirschberg. Meanwhile, Sheen denied Fleiss's reported claim that she has a videotape of him having sex with two women. "Not only is it meguivocal-ly impossible, it's unconscionable," Sheen said. "It constantly amazes me what this woman will say just to hang on to her 15 minutes of fame. She's at 14 minutes and counting."

PEOPLE

Michael Jackson Gets

NAACP Image Award

Michael Jackson got a long ova-tion at the Image Awards of the National Association for the Ad-vancement of Colored People and

proclaimed that he was innocent of allegations that he molested a 13-

year-old boy. Jackson, named En-

tertainer of the Year, said, "I know

that the truth will be my salvation."

He has not been charged with any

crime; the boy is suing him. Whit-ney Houston, Angela Bassett, Den-zel Washington and Spike Lee's "Makcolm X" also received awards.

Sting picked up six Grammy nominations Thursday, including record, song and album of the year. Billy Joel, also nominated in those categories, received four, as did R.E.M. and Whitney Houston.

. 0 The fashion photographer Richard Avedon has settled a \$5 million lawsuit filed by his former daughterlawsuit filed by his former daughterin-law by agreeing to relinquish
made pictures he took of his grandsons. Efizabeth Paul Avedon, who
divorced. Avedon's son. John in
1987, claimed the photographer had
behaved in sexually inappropriate
ways with the boys. Avedon's lawyer said there were "no findings of mis-conduct on Mr. Avedon's part" and neither side will pay the other.

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